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CHEMICAL PERFUSION - Gentamicin Postoperative Instructions

Medications

1. You will be given a prescription for **Gentamicin drops**, which are **ONLY** available at the following pharmacies:

Custom Med Pharmacy
Eagle Creek Plaza
5510 Lafayette Road, Suite 260
Indianapolis, IN 46254
Phone 317-803-3436
(NOTE: This provider does not accept insurance plans)

Wellspring Pharmacy
Community North Hospital
7150 Clearvista Parkway, Suite 1900
Indianapolis, IN 46256
Phone 317-621-5273

Family PharmaCare Center
West Lafayette
500 Sagamore Parkway,
West, Suite 5W
West Lafayette, IN 47906
Phone 765-497-7000

2. Also purchase a new package of **cotton balls** at the drugstore for dressing changes. Do not use cotton from an open package, as it may not be sufficiently clean.

3. Beginning the day following your initial procedure, administer the Gentamicin three times a day—once in the morning, once in the afternoon, and once before bedtime—following these instructions:

- Lay on your back with your head turned to the side so the ear being treated is up.
- Place three (3) drops of Gentamicin into the ear. Lie with your head still turned to the side for 15 minutes.
- Following the administration of the drops, lightly place fresh cotton in the ear.

4. You will be seen in the office once a week to test your hearing and undergo other tests to evaluate the effectiveness of the therapy. At these visits you will be instructed whether or not to continue using these drops. Usual duration of treatment is two to four weeks.

5. If oral medications are prescribed, take them as directed and be sure to finish all of the medication.

What else to expect

- It is common to experience occasional popping and crackling noises after surgery, as well as some discomfort, which may be relieved by taking acetaminophen (Tylenol). Do not use products containing aspirin, such as Excedrin. If your pain is not controlled by acetaminophen, you may use the prescription pain medicine.
- Unless you are instructed otherwise at discharge, you may wash your hair after three to four days. However, for the first three weeks after surgery, protect the ear with a cotton ball coated with petroleum jelly.
- You will typically need to be off work for one to three weeks depending on whether other procedures were also done at the time of your Chemical Perfusion. The doctor will tell you at discharge how long you should stay off work.

Questions? If you have any questions or concerns between office visits, call us at 317-842-4901 or toll free 800-818-3277. After hours, our answering service will contact the doctor for you.