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# POST-OPERATIVE CARE AFTER GROMMET INSERTION

## What can I expect after their surgery?

Your child can go home a few hours after surgery. They can usually do their normal activities the next day.

#### What can I do to help my child feel better?

Grommets causes only minimal discomfort in the first few days after surgery. We recommend Panadol for pain relief.

### What are dry ear precautions?

It is important to keep water out of your child's ear until advised. We recommend that your child wears Doc's Pro Plugs.

#### When should I worry?

See your GP if your child:

- Gets a fever
- Has ongoing discharge from the ear
- Has ear pain that doesn't get better or gets worse

#### How long do grommets stay in?

Most ear tubes fall out on their own after 2 to 18 months. This is normal. If the ear tube doesn't fall out on its own after a few years, the doctor will probably do surgery to remove it.

#### **Ear Drops Post Operation:**

3 Drops 3x per day for 7 days or until bottle is finished.