WHY DO I NEED THIS PROCEDURE?

The purpose of this procedure is to repair a traumatic injury to the ear drum. Patching this hole will prevent any further injury to the inner ear.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING SURGERY?

The procedure is done under local anesthesia. A small-sized patch of surgical paper will be placed over the hole. This encourages the tissue to regrow underneath the patch, thus repairing the hole.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER SURGERY?

After the surgery is complete, you will be given instructions about how to care for the areas treated. It is important that you keep the treated ear(s) dry after surgery. It is also important that you do not blow your nose or cough as this could cause the patch to dislodge from its surgical placement. You will be provided with postoperative instructions after the surgery.

WHAT ARE POSSIBLE RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS OF THE SURGERY?

The risks and complications from this procedure are typically minimal. The most common complication for this surgery is that despite patching the perforation, the ear drum may not regenerate. If that is the case, more involved surgery may be required. You will be given a hearing test prior to having this procedure done, which is required by law.

AS WITH ANY SURGERY, THE RISKS FROM ANESTHESIA, REACTION TO THE MEDICATION AND BREATHING PROBLEMS OR EVEN DEATH FROM GENERAL ANESTHESIA IS POSSIBLE.

If you have any further questions after having carefully read the above information, please feel free to discuss it with me, prior to any surgery. Remember, there are no dumb questions! We want you to be fully informed and comfortable prior to your surgery.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BRING A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND WITH YOU FOR THIS TREATMENT.
PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO OUR OFFICE PRIOR TO INITIATION OF YOUR PROCEDURE.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions you might have at 714-441-0133.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES J. LEE, M.D., F.A.C.S.

I understand the above information and consent to the surgery.

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Patient Signature

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Patient Name-Printed

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Date
DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

Paper Patch/Tympanoplasty

The purpose of this information is to explain what to expect after having a PAPER PATCH TYMPANOPLASTY.

This procedure is often performed after a trauma-induced tympanic membrane perforation. A patch is placed over the perforated site so the regeneration of the tympanic membrane can begin. This is comparable to placing a patch over a flat tire.

The regeneration of the ear drum will often take up to four to six weeks in total. Over the next four weeks, it is extremely important that you do not blow your nose or cough. If you are coughing please do so with your mouth wide open. Please do not blow your nose because the positive airway pressure could destroy the regenerating tympanic membrane. It is important to keep the ear dry. Most of the time, placing cotton ball in the ear and placing your hand over the ear when showering is sufficient. After showering, please replace the cotton ball with a new, dry one. You should use a fresh cotton ball the beginning of every day as well.

You will have a follow up visit about four weeks after having your surgery and by that time, the gel foam that was placed on top of the paper patch should have dissolved.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or experience of difficulty after your procedure.

I understand the following information and consent to the above instructions.

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Patient signature

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Patient Name- Printed

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Date