

## Camino Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic

### **Postoperative Instructions for Pediatric Cochlear Implant Recipients**

- Keep Dressing on ear overnight. Remove dressing with scissors. If dressing comes loose, do not try to replace dressing. Expect some blood to be on the dressing. If your child has a tube in the eardrum there will be bloody drainage from the ear canal for several days. There will be tape glued to the skin behind the ear; do not try to remove the tape until it is loose and peeling off the skin.
- Do not let your child pick or scratch the incision.
- Your child may bathe 48 hours after surgery. Briefly wash the area around the incision. Do not scrub around the incision. Lightly blot to dry.
- If you child has a tube, keep water out of the ear canal.
- No special diet is needed after surgery.
- Please take all medications as directed.
- Your child should maintain light activity for 2 weeks after surgery. No vigorous playing or climbing. For a short period of time after surgery some children have trouble with their balance.
- Call (408) 227-6300 for questions or concerns. After working hours and on weekends an operator will answer the phone. The doctor on call can answer general questions. If there is a question specifically regarding the implant please ask to be connected directly to Dr. Murray.
- Please call if your child experiences a temperature greater than 101 degrees Fahrenheit.
- It is normal for blood to drain from the ear into the throat and nose.
- Please contact the clinic for a follow-up appointment.
- For Emergencies: Please go to the emergency room or call 911.
- Additional instructions will be given at your follow-up appointment.