

# Tympanostomy Tubes for Children with Recurrent Ear Infections

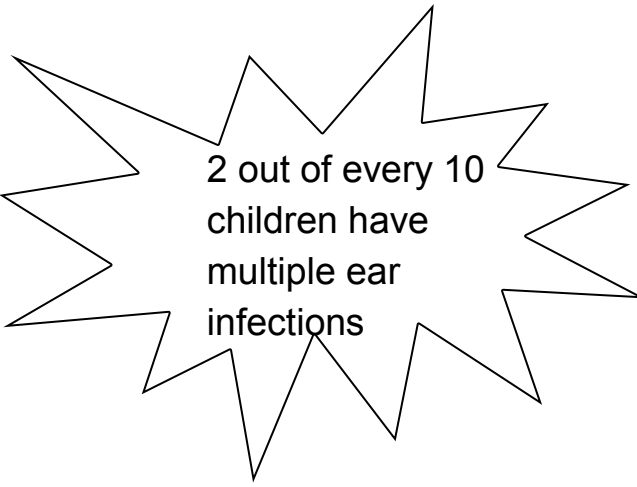


Tympanostomy tube placement (ear tubes) is a common surgical procedure done for children who have multiple ear infections (acute otitis media or AOM). We are trying to find out if tube placement reduces the rate of ear infections over a 2 year period.

Eligible children will be followed for up to 12 months. Children will be seen for episodes of AOM. If a child had multiple AOMs, they will be randomized to tympanostomy tube placement or continued treatment with antibiotics without tubes. Then, we will see your child every 8 weeks and for sick visits when AOM is suspected for two years.

## Requirements:

- ◇ Age 6-35 months
- ◇ At risk for recurrent ear infections
- ◇ No chronic illness
- ◇ Not allergic to amoxicillin



2 out of every 10  
children have  
multiple ear  
infections

**Compensation will be provided.**

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