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Post-Operative Instructions Tonsillectomy

- 1. Soft diet for 2 weeks-no citrus, spicy, hard/crunchy, or food that is hot in temperature.
- 2. Drink plenty of liquids.
- 3. Chewing gum is helpful.
- 4. No strenuous activity for 2 weeks.
- 5. Use Tylenol or prescribed medication for pain. **NO** aspirin, advil, motrin, or alleve.
- 6. A low-grade fever is normal. Call office if temperature above 102.
- 7. The back of the throat will look white and swollen for 2 weeks.
- 8. The pain following a tonsillectomy <u>increases</u> before it decreases, peaking between days 5 and 7.
- 9. Ear pain is common.
- 10. Call office for any severe or persistent bleeding.
- 11. Use medications as prescribed.