**T/A SURGERY CHECK LIST**

**IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS 2 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE, YOUR SURGERY WILL BE CANCELLED!**

* **HISTORY & PHYSICAL, LAB REPORTS AND SPECIALIST CLEARANCES\* NEED TO BE FAXED TO DR. SAMADI’S OFFICE AT 201-996-1605 AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE SURGERY.**
* ***\*****PLEASE NOTE THAT CLEARANCES FROM ANY SPECIALIST REQUIRE THE EXAMINATION NOTES FROM THE VISIT.*
* YOU MUST FILL OUT THE PATIENT’S *ONLINE CLINICAL HISTORY* AT:

**http://www.metrosurgerycenter.com**

* **CALL METROPOLITAN SURGERY CENTER THE DAY BEFORE THE SURGERY BETWEEN 4PM-6:30PM TO GET THE SURGERY TIME AT 201-527-6800.**
* IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL PLEASE CALL DR. SAMADI’S OFFICE AT 201-996-1505 48 HRS BEFORE THE SURGERY TO CANCEL. CANCELLATION FEE WITHOUT A 48 HOUR NOTICE IS $100.
* BE ON TIME TO YOUR SURGERY AND REMEMBER TO BRING A COPY OF ALL YOUR CLEARANCES AND REPORTS THE DAY OF THE SURGERY.
* *Patients 5 years and older****, for tonsillectomy only***, will be receiving a prescription for the following medications after surgery. Please call your local pharmacy once your child’s surgery is scheduled to make sure that they have the medication at that location.
	+ Tylenol with Hydrocodone Elixir 7.5 MG/ 325 MG/15 ml

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL DR. SAMADI’S OFFICE AT

**201-996-1505**. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

* **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY CO-PAYS, CO INSURANCES, OR DEDUCTIBLES YOU WILL BE CALLED AND NOTIFIED AND ANY BALANCE WILL HAVE TO BE PAID NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS OF SCHEDULED SURGERY DATE**.



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PREOPERATIVE INFORMATION

For your child’s safety, it is very important that you follow these feeding instructions exactly. **If you do not follow these instructions you child’s surgery may be cancelled.**

Nothing By Mouth: Guidelines for MSC, Ambulatory Surgery Center:

**NOTHING TO EAT OR DRINK 10 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**

Important date, times and phone numbers:

Surgical date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your child’s surgery will be: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 1. Please arrive one hour prior to scheduled surgery time.

2. Please bring a copy of clinical clearances to the surgical center the

day of the procedure.

* **Surgery Center Address:**433 Hackensack Avenue, LL01, Hackensack, NJ 07601

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* You will receive a phone call from the surgical center the evening before your child’s surgery
* **All children prior to their surgery date will be medically cleared by their PCP – MUST BE DONE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE SURGERY DATE**
	+ Parents are responsible to have their child’s PCP fill out the attached **“History & Physical”** clearance form, which requires the child to get a full physical **at least ONE WEEK prior** to the operation. Please have your doctor send or fax the completed form **at least ONE WEEK prior** to surgery date to Dr. Samadi’s office at **fax # (201)- 996-1605.** You are responsible for bringing the original form with you on the day of the surgery.
* If your child is required to have a blood test, please make sure the results are sent/faxed over to Dr. Samadi’s office **ONE WEEK** before the surgery date – BLOOD WORK IS VALID FOR 6 WEEKS
* If your child sees a cardiologist or other specialist on a regular basis, please have the doctor send/fax a letter of clearance of at least **ONE WEEK** prior to surgery to Dr. Samadi’s office (201) 996-1605.
* Your child should not be given medication containing Aspirin, 2 weeks prior and two weeks after the surgery.
	+ FOR TONSIL PATIENTS AGED **UNDER 5 YEARS**: Advil, Motrin, and Tylenol are okay.
	+ FOR TONSIL PAIIENTS AGED **OVER 5 YEARS**: Tylenol is okay
* Make arrangements for care of your other children so that you can focus on the child having surgery.
* Bring a bottle or sippy cup and a special toy or blanket for your child.
* Remove your child’s nail polish, fake nails, jewelry (including all piercings), and makeup. Place your child’s long hair in a ponytail. All jewelries will be removed prior to transport to the operating room.
* If your child wears contact lenses, please bring a lens storage case and their glasses with you.
* If you have referrals for your surgeon, anesthesiologist, or surgery center, you may fax them to (201)–996–1605, and bring them with on the day of the surgery.
* Please have the patient’s insurance card available upon arrival along with a photo I.D.
* Also, please make sure to visit our website at ***www.entsinushearingcarecenter.com*** for additional information regarding your procedure.

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Patient: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You are scheduled for surgery at Metropolitan Surgery Center on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Please note that once your surgery is scheduled you can go onto [www.metrosurgerycenter.com](http://www.metrosurgerycenter.com/) and click on the Online Clinical History tab which will take you to the One Medical Passport home page. You can then follow the prompts and enter all of your medical/surgical history and current medications and dosages taken.

This information allows the medical team to review your history and request any additional testing that may be needed to provide you with the safe, quality care our patients deserve. Therefore, please enter the information as soon as possible to prevent your procedure from being cancelled.

Also, you must bring a photo ID and your insurance card to the center on your day of surgery. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your procedure.

Sincerely,

Nicole Gobin, Administrator

**Your Endorsement Matters!**

Dear Patient,

Thank you for your recent visit to our office. We want to ensure that we are doing everything possible to provide the very best care in a comfortable, welcoming environment.

We would like to hear what kind of experience you had while visiting our office. Your opinion matters greatly to us.

If we did not meet all of your expectations, please call our practice administrator. We are eager to listen to your feedback and resolve any problems that you may have.

If you are satisfied with our service, we would appreciate if you took a few moments to share your experience with others by writing an online review. Your vote of confidence is much appreciated and will help other patients make informed decisions.

Please visit link below to recommend us online:

**http://drstars.com/samadi**

Prefer texting**?** You can also easily share your feedback by texting Samadito 310-494-2829. Our management will receive your feedback.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need anything else.

Be well,

Dr. Sharyar Daniel Samadi

10 Forest Ave, # 100

 Paramus, NJ 07652

(201) 996-1505

**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF PAIN**

Symptoms of pain are different for every child and my last 10-14 days. Examples of pain include:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Throat Pain  | Jaw Pain | Headache | Tongue/Teeth pain  |
| Ear pain | Neck Pain/ Stiffness | Check Pain | Unwilling to open mouth/Eat |

In younger children and infants, sign and symptoms of pain include:

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| Crying | Pulling at ears | Refusing to drink/drinking less |

**Medications**

Please have liquid Tylenol and liquid Motrin (For children younger than 5 years old) available for after the procedure.

If your child has nausea or vomiting after the procedure, please contact the doctor.

**\*NO** Aspirin products are to be used 2 weeks before, and up to 3 weeks after the surgery as this can increase the risk of bleeding\*\*

**Shopping List**

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| Bubble Gum | High Fiber Food:(Fruit, raisins, cereal, baby prunes in a jar) | Syrup (chocolate, maple) | Fiber drinks (apple juice, apricot, or pear nectar) |
| Chewy candy (Gummy bears, fruit snacks, fruit roll up) | Normal Saline Nasal Spray | Drink (Pedialyte, Juice) | Popsicles or Jell-O (Not red in color) |
|  | Tylenol suppository (In case your child refuses to take the liquid medicine) | Cold mist humidifier |  |

\*\*\*Nothing Red to eat or drink for 2 weeks after surgery\*\*\*

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Signs and symptoms of dehydration (Call your physician for any of the following):

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| Refusing to Drink or eat Jell-O/ Popsicles | No tears with crying |
| Urinating less than 2x a day/ less than 2 wet diapers; no urinating in 10 hours | Very Weak/ Tired |

Signs and symptoms of bleeding (Call your physician for any of the following):

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| --- | --- |
| Bright red blood or clots from mouth/nose lasting more than 2 minutes | Frequent swallowing |

**PHONE NUMBERS FOR QUESTIONS AND EMERGENCIES**

**Call Monday- (Friday 8am-5pm):** (201) - 996-1505

**After 5pm or weekends/Holidays:** Call (201)-996-1505 and have the answering service page the doctor.

**COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED AFTER SURGERY**

1. **Are there any kinds of activities my child should avoid? Can we travel?**

There are no restrictions with activity. Your child may return to school/daycare and his/her normal routine as soon as he/she feels ready. Children can play outside, including swimming, as long as they are no longer taking pain medication. Because of the small risk of bleeding, we do not recommend traveling out of the tri-state area for 20 days after surgery unless discussed with your surgeon.

1. **Are there any foods or drinks to avoid? Can my child have milk?**

There are no food restrictions. We recommend a lot of “chewy” foods but your child may eat/drink anything he/she would like. Crunchy and salty foods like potato chips will not hurt your child. Milk and dairy products should be limited. Keep in mind that your child’s pain level may cause them not to want to eat anything for the majority of the recovery. It is normal and acceptable for your child not to eat solid food for two weeks as long as the child is drinking plenty.

1. **Why is chewing important?**

Chewing decreases ear, jaw, and neck pain and helps the scabs to come off after surgery. We recommend chewing food, gum, or candy 10 minutes every hour that your child is awake. It is important to begin chewing as soon as possible after surgery, and continue for chewing for 10-14 days.

1. **Is it normal for my child to have pain after the first week?**

Your child may have pain for 3-7 days after surgery. It can take up to 3 weeks until the scab falls off. The pain will be worse on days 3-7 after the surgery. The pain can be anywhere above the shoulders (headaches, ear pain, sore throat, neck/jaw pain). Make sure your child takes his/her pain medication and chews as often as possible.

1. **Why do you recommend salt water nasal spray?**

Saline nasal spray (Ocean Nasal Mist) makes the nose less stuffy. It also helps to the tonsils and adenoids scab clean. We recommend 2 sprays in each side of the nose every 2-3 hours while awake.

1. **Where do the scabs go when they fall off?**

Most of the scabs fall down the back of the throat into the stomach. The child usually does not feel the scabs.

1. **Should I be concerned if my child has a stiff neck?**

It is common for children to complain of a stiff neck after surgery. Your child should be able to keep his/her head straight without the chin turned to the left or right. Using a warm heating pad, giving his/her pain medications every 4 hours and encouraging your child to chew to will help with the stiff neck. If your child’s chin is tilted to either side and he/she cannot move the neck at all, you need to call your physician.

1. **Is it okay to have a fever after surgery?**

It is normal for your child to have a fever up to 103 degrees Fahrenheit, on and off, for 3 weeks after surgery. If the fever is higher than 101 degrees, call your physician.

1. **Why does my child cough?**

The body produces large amounts of mucus in the back of the throat for two weeks after surgery. The coughing can increase when your child lies down at night. We recommend that your child sleep propped up with two pillows under his/her head at night, use salt-water nasal spray 2-3 times during the day to thin the mucus, and place a cold mist humidifier in the bedroom. **Over the counter decongestants and medications are to be strictly avoided.**

1. **Why does my child’s voice sound funny?**

Your child’s voice may sound “nasal” or high pitched (like Minnie Mouse ©). Your child’s voice changes after surgery because the muscles on the roof of the mouth are weak. The voice usually returns to normal by the third month after surgery. Liquids may also come out of the nose for the same reason as the voice changes after surgery. This is because the weak muscles on the roof of the mouth allow liquid to go up behind the nose instead of going down the throat. Encourage your child to drink from a straw or take small sips. Just like the voice, the problem usually goes away by 12 weeks after surgery.

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PLEASE FAX BACK TO **201-996-1605**

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Patient: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To ensure that your surgery is done in a timely and efficient manner, we ask that you please adhere to the following guidelines:

**Clearances:** Please have medical clearance forms completed and sent back to the office **ONE WEEK PRIOR** to your surgery date. If we do not receive the necessary documents on time and/or a phone call from you, we will assume you are cancelling your surgery. Please be in communication with your surgical coordinator to verify your status.

**Cancellations:** If you cancel your surgery without **48-hour** notice, or do not show up to your surgery, you will be charged $100.00, unless there is a medical or emergent reason, please provide supporting documentation.

**Surgery Times:** You will receive a phone call from the hospital or surgical center the afternoon prior to your surgery’s date with your time of surgery. If by chance you do not receive a phone call, please feel free to contact our office at (201) -996-1505, or Metropolitan surgical center (201) 527 -6800.

**Post-Operative Medications:** (for 5 years and older for tonsillectomy)

The patient will be receiving a prescription for the following medications after surgery. Please call your local pharmacy once your child’s surgery is scheduled to make sure that they have the medication at that location.

* Tylenol with Hydrocodone Elixir 7.5 MG/ 325 MG/15 ml

**\*[ Please indicate if you take any weight loss medication: □ YES □ NO ]\***

**Please indicate if any of these specialists apply to you:**

Heart\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lungs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kidney \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**BEST PHONE NUMBER TO REACH YOU AT: (1)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_

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