Acoustic Neuroma
Care after Surgery

Please read the instructions outlined below. Refer to this sheet in the next few weeks. These discharge instructions provide you with general information on caring for yourself after you leave the hospital. Your surgeon may also give you specific instructions. While your treatment has been planned according to the most current medical practices available, unavoidable complications sometimes occur. If you have any problems or questions after discharge, call your surgeon.

AFTER SURGERY

A bandage *(dressing*) may have been applied. This may be changed once per day or as instructed. If the dressing sticks, it may be soaked off with soapy water or hydrogen peroxide. **Only take over-the-counter or prescription medicines for pain, discomfort or fever as directed by your caregiver.**

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is redness, swelling or increasing pain in the wound.
- Pus is coming from the wound.
- You have an oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C), not controlled by medicine.
- You notice a foul smell coming from the wound or dressing.
- The wound edges separate after the stitches have been removed.

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