

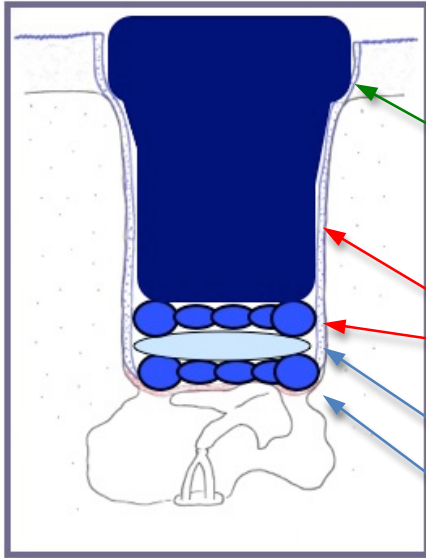
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Name:

Surgeon: Dr. Roberson



## **CEI Visit #1 Post-op day 1-2**

Surgical dressing removed, check to ensure packing is in correct place

## **Post Op Visits in Los Angeles with Dr Reinisch**

Approximately 2-3 visits with Dr. Reinisch will occur in LA in weeks 1 and 2 post-op. The dates will be given to you at pre-op

Contact Dr. Reinisch's office for questions regarding these appointments

## **CEI Visit #2 ~3 weeks Post-Op**

Ambrus Sponge and Gelfoam packing removed

Start antibiotic eardrops twice daily

Okay to shower and wash hair but canal must be kept dry for 8 weeks

## **CEI Visits #3-5 3-4 weeks Post-Op**

Any remaining packing in the canal is removed

Azoft mold for outer ear + canal made if skin lining canal and TM appear healed—this mold will be worn for 4 months at night

After 2 months, transition to canal only mold for an additional 2 months

Continue antibiotic eardrops at night unless directed differently

***Every patient's healing process is different. Therefore, there may be times that we deviate slightly from the schedule (example: increasing frequency of post op visits at CEI). If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.***

## **Important Tips and Reminders for the Recovery Process:**

- Canal should be kept dry for the first 8 weeks after surgery. A small amount of Vaseline applied to a cotton ball and placed in canal is one method for keeping it dry. Tape over cotton ball may be necessary, especially while packing remains in canal.
- Water exposure can be initiated when full epithelial coverage of the ear drum and canal is complete, as determined by a local ENT.
- Video and instructions on how to make the Azoft canal only mold can be found at [AtresiaRepair.com](http://AtresiaRepair.com)
- Please send photo updates of the canal to [atresiarepair@calear.com](mailto:atresiarepair@calear.com) 2 and 4 months after surgery or anytime you notice a changes in appearance, signs of infection or canal narrowing.
- If we observe narrowing of the canal, we may advise using medications in the medication bag provided to you at pre-op. We will direct you on the use of those at that time.
- Audiogram should be performed 4 months after surgery (please send results by fax or email to [atresiarepair@calear.com](mailto:atresiarepair@calear.com))
- Follow up cleanings are required 1-4x per year, as determined by a local ENT with otomicroscopic examination capabilities. This is for the long-term health of the new canal.

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