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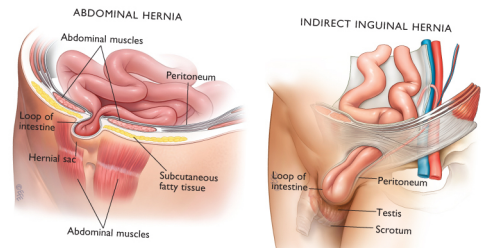
Patient education to assist informed consent

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SURGERY TO REPAIR HERNIA

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When there is a weakness or tear in the abdominal muscles, an organ such as the intestine can push the abdominal lining through the opening and form a balloon-like sac.

at the navel (umbilical). Occasionally, umbilical hernias in children less than two years old close and heal spontaneously. Other hernias do not go away on their own and require surgical repair. A repair is one of the most common performed operations. Mesh can be used to support the abdominal wall. The best treatment is

a hernia will usually heal on its own. Occasionally it can become a strangulated hernia. This is extremely rare. This is extremely rare. This is extremely rare.

ery is a time- consuming process. a hernia. We recommend

a technique called laparoscopic surgery or "key-hole surgery" to repair the hernia.

Your surgeon may use the term "herniorrhaphy" (her-nee-OR-ah-fee). Herniorrhaphy is the surgical repair of a hernia.

The use of a thin, soft mesh (made of plastic or other materials) can make the hernia repair stronger and last longer. Tissue grows over the mesh as the area heals. The mesh becomes part of the body, giving strength and support to the abdominal muscles.

The use of surgical mesh has reduced the risk of hernia recurrence from at least 15 in every 100 cases to two or less in every 100 cases. Surgical mesh can be used in both open surgery and laparoscopic surgery. See page 2.

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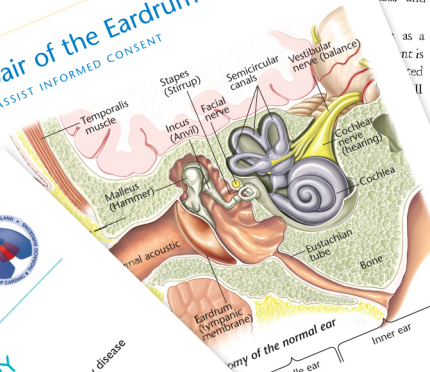
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Myringoplasty – Repair of the Eardrum

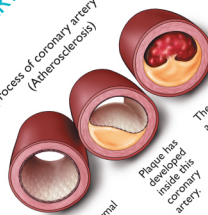
PATIENT INFORMATION TO ASSIST INFORMED CONSENT

Myringoplasty is an operation to repair a perforation (hole) in the eardrum. The surgery results in a sealed, water-resistant ear and greatly reduces the risk of infections, swimming and showering. It may also improve hearing. A perforation occurs when the eardrum is torn or ruptured. It may be caused by a severe middle ear infection, trauma, or aging.

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The process of coronary artery disease (Atherosclerosis)



The coronary artery is totally blocked with plaque and a blood clot.

In a normal coronary artery, the inside surface is smooth.

Common grafts

The use of one of six grafts is common. More grafts may be required in some patients.

Grafts may be arteries or veins. The most common grafts are:

- chest wall
- radial artery from the forearm
- saphenous vein from the leg

See page three for more information about the types of grafts.

from the chest wall

from the forearm

from the leg

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