

Patient Name:

Appointment Date and Time:

Thank you for choosing **Ear & Hearing at The Center for Neurosciences** and **Dr. Abraham Jacob** for your **Otology/Neurotology** care. Dr. Jacob specializes in the medical and surgical management of complex ear, facial nerve, and lateral skull base diseases. He is a national expert in both microscopic & endoscopic middle-ear/ mastoid surgery, cochlear implantation, bone anchored hearing implants, surgically implantable hearing aids, management of acoustic neuromas (vestibular schwannomas) & posterior fossa meningiomas, surgery for glomus tympanicum & jugulare tumors, petrous apex surgery, and treatment facial nerve disorders.

In preparation for your upcoming office appointment, please make sure that you have had or will have an **audiogram** within 6-8 weeks of your visit. There are situations where an exception may be made; however, we would like to be making clinical decisions with the most current information. If you do not have a recent audiogram, please let our schedulers know as they can help you get this testing arranged. If any **imaging studies** of the ear (CT scans/MRI scans) have been performed in the past, please bring the images *and* report with you. Most radiology facilities will provide the images to you on disk. If the outside images do not adequately visualize the relevant anatomy, Dr. Jacob may ask that you have the imaging repeated.

Dr. Jacob will see patients where an **ear-related dizziness problem** has been identified and **surgery is being contemplated**. He does not manage dizziness that is not arising from ear pathology. Patients being seen for dizziness/vertigo must have a recent comprehensive **audiogram, balance testing** (VNG and sometimes VEMP), and a relatively recent **MRI Brain with IAC protocol**. If these studies have not been performed, please make sure contact us and have them scheduled prior to your visit.

As part of your new or established patient visit, **in-office procedures** may be required and billed to you or your insurance plan. Examples include:

- Ear wax removal (69210)
- Ear canal debridement (97597)
- Ear canal soft tissue excision (69145)
- Simple mastoid cavity debridement (69220)
- Complex mastoid cavity debridement (69222)
- Removal of ear canal foreign body (69200)
- Myringotomy without PE tube (69420)
- Myringotomy with PE tube (69433)
- Labyrinthotomy w/Perfusion of vestibuloactive drugs (69801)
- Flexible fiberoptic nasopharyngoscopy/laryngoscopy (31575)
- Use of operating microscope (92505)
- Biopsy of external auditory canal (69105)
- Epley maneuver for positional vertigo (95992)

While we strive to minimize office wait times, Dr. Jacob's quaternary practice often requires spending time with complex skull base surgery patients. Therefore, clinics do sometimes run behind schedule, and we apologize for the inconvenience. If you are unable to wait, we would be happy to reschedule your appointment to another day.

Dr. Jacob is also a surgeon-scientist. His ongoing basic science and clinical **research** focuses on new treatments for hearing loss and skull base tumors. Should Dr. Jacob find that you are a candidate, please consider enrolling in these research studies.

Thank you again for choosing Ear & Hearing at The Center for Neurosciences and Dr. Jacob for your Otology/Neurotology needs. Should you have any questions, please contact us at 520-795-7750.

Sincerely,

Abraham Jacob, MD, FACS