

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Treating Perforated Eardrums

1:00

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	IF YOU GET A HOLE IN A TIRE, IT DOESN'T WORK VERY WELL, DOES IT? IF YOU GET A HOLE IN YOUR EARDRUM, IT MAY NOT WORK VERY WELL EITHER.
Colin Driscoll, M.D. Track 1 (2:40)	"IT MAY NOT VIBRATE NORMALLY AND TRANSMIT SOUND AS WELL."
	MAYO CLINIC DR. COLIN DRISCOLL SAYS MOST PERFORATED EARDRUMS WILL HEAL ON THEIR OWN. BUT SOMETIMES, A LITTLE HELP IS NEEDED.
Colin Driscoll, M.D. Track 1 (5:10)	"WE MAY PUT A PATCH, EITHER MADE OUT OF PAPER OR ANOTHER ABSORBABLE MATERIAL

	THAT HELPS ENCOURAGE THE EARDRUM TO HEAL.”
	IT CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS FOR A PERFORATED EARDRUM TO HEAL. IF THE HOLE STILL DOESN'T CLOSE, SURGERY, MAY BE NEEDED.
Dr. Driscoll Track 1 (6:05)	“WE PATCH THE EARDRUM HOLE USING SOME TISSUE WE TAKE FROM AN INCISION BEHIND THE EAR.”
	IT'S VERY SAFE, AND PATIENTS TYPICALLY GO HOME THE SAME DAY. ANY HEARING LOSS IS USUALLY RESTORED WITHIN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

