Clinical Guidelines
for
Use of EARF for Division of Otolaryngology
(When is it appropriate to request an expedited appointment?)

1. Suspected tumor or mass
2. Infant with an airway/feeding issue
3. Otitis Media
   - 6 ear infections in 6 months.
   - Received multiple antibiotic trials.
   - If a pattern is developing, plan ahead and make an appointment, it can always be canceled if it is not needed.
4. Sudden hearing loss NOT related to fluid.
5. Persistent fluid greater than 3 month
6. Infant under 6 weeks old, experiencing difficulty breast-feeding due to being “tongue tied”.
8. Nasal fractures must be treated 3 to 7 days after injury.
9. Prolonged and OBSERVED apnea or significant pauses in breathing during sleep.
10. Sinus Infection
    - 3 straight months (30 consecutive days) of antibiotic therapy.
    - Preferential diagnostic test – Cat Scan of Sinuses verses an x-ray.
11. Foreign body in ear or nose
    - Organic foreign material in the ear needs to be removed quickly.
    - Foreign bodies in the nose need to be removed more quickly than the ear.