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FLORICAL FOR OTOSCLEROSIS

Your physician has found that the cause of your hearing loss is otosclerosis in the inner ear, or cochlea, as the cause of your hearing loss. This condition can be treated with a medication, which may prevent or minimize further loss of hearing due to damage to the hearing nerve.

Occasionally, otosclerosis is treatable by surgery if it involves the stapes bone. If this is true in your situation, your physician will discuss it with you. Often otosclerosis of the inner ear and otosclerosis of the stapes bone are present simultaneously.

Florical is a medication which is available over-the-counter (no prescription is needed). You should take two (2) capsules of the **Florical** twice a day with meals plus a multi-vitamin with Vitamin D once a day. You may take any brand of multiple vitamin as long as it contains 400 units of Vitamin D. This means that you will be taking a total of five pills a day. Continue the medicines until we tell you to stop (treatment usually lasts two years).

While you are taking this medication, your hearing will need to be re-evaluated periodically. Therefore, we will want to see you six months after you begin taking the medicine. Please schedule an appointment for this six-month follow-up.

*If you must take Tetracycline, please stop the **Florical** during that time. The **Florical** may be resumed after the completion this medication.*

If you cannot find the **Florical** at your own drugstore, it is available at:

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