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OTOPLASTY / PINNING BACK EARS

Overly prominent ears can be a highly embarrassing deformity resulting in considerable emotional anguish with a significant psychosocial impact.

Prominent ears may be corrected by an otoplasty operation to set the ears back against the head in a natural way. The operation can be done at any stage from approximately 5 years of age once the ear cartilages become stiffer and more mature. The operation involves manipulating the ear cartilages via an incision behind the ear in order to hide the resulting scar. In childhood it requires a general anaesthetic but adults tolerate local anaesthetic well. This is always a day procedure in the day clinic.

Other ear deformities such as “pixy” deformity and cauliflower ears can be corrected in a similar way.

Occlusive dressings are applied to each ear for 10 days after the operation and a headband worn at night thereafter for 3 weeks.

Complications are not common and include postoperative bleeding, wound infection, obvious asymmetry, temporary numbness and sutures showing through thin ear skin. Complications are usually minor and surgically correctable.

Patients are usually very pleased with this procedure and often recommend it to others.

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