



Otoplasty

Otoplasty is a surgical procedure done to reduce the protrusion of the ears away from the head or “ears that stick out”.

Reasons for considering Otoplasty include:

- Ears that protrude out from the head too much
- Correction of lop ear (folded ear tips)
- Reshaping of earlobes
- Correction of congenital defects
- Correction of an accidental injury

Otoplasty surgery is performed under general anesthesia for children and local anesthesia for adults. It begins with an incision hidden in the crease behind the ear. For standard Otoplasty, the incision allows the cartilage behind the ear to be reshaped and positioned closer to the head. This procedure takes one to two hours.

Following surgery, large bandages are wrapped around the head to secure the ear and help with healing. Patient orders include rest, limited movement and pain medication if needed. Bandages are normally removed within a week and replaced with smaller dressings until the site is fully healed.

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