

Otoplasty (ear surgery) - child

What to expect after surgery

- Your child's head will be wrapped in a bulky bandage. The bandage stays on for 1 to 3 weeks to protect the new shape of the ears and prevent infection. Do not wash your child's hair during this time.
- The stitches under the dressing are not the type to dissolve, they will be removed at your follow-up appointment.

How to relieve pain

- After surgery, the amount and type of pain is different for each child. Your child's ears may throb or ache for a few days.
- Your doctor may give you a prescription for pain medication. If you do not have a prescription, you can give your child acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or ibuprofen (Advil® or Motrin®). Follow the directions on package for your child's age and weight.

What your child can eat and drink

- Your child needs to drink enough fluids to stay well hydrated.
- Your child can eat or drink whatever he or she likes.

Your child's activity

- For 4 weeks after surgery, your child should not go swimming or do any activity in which the ear might be bent, such as wearing a hat or helmet.

When to call the surgeon

- your child feels ill or has a fever
 - temperature higher than 38.5°C (101.3°F)
- bleeding or drainage (discharge) through the bandage or dressing
- pain that is getting worse
- your child is unable to eat or drink as usual
- nausea or vomiting

Plastic Surgeons	Ear, Nose & Throat Surgeons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Bain, Dr. Levis or Dr. Strumas• 2G Clinic, 905-521-2100, ext. 78520	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Reid, Dr. Sommer or Dr. Korman• 3V1 ENT Clinic, 905-521-2100, ext .73078• Dr. Lemckert, 905-627-3377

After hours or on the weekend, call 905-521-5030 and ask to speak to the Plastic Surgeon or the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Surgeon on-call.

If you are not able to reach the doctor, take your child to the Emergency Department.

For questions that are not urgent, please call your family doctor or pediatrician.