

Ears - Otoplasty

Because the ears reach 90% of adult size by age five or six, children with prominent ears can have them corrected before starting the prep. This is when children may become self conscious about their ears because other children might tease or bully them about their big ears. In fact many adult patients tell us that they have endured merciless teasing for years.

The post-operative improvement in a child's self-confidence can be absolutely dramatic.

At Medici many adults every year have their ears pinned back surgically. Men of any age can suffer from great embarrassment from bat ears and once they have their ears corrected surgically they report a huge sense of relief in their sense of normality and blending in with others.

Women of all ages also have their ears surgically pinned back. Where they can cover their ears with longer hair, bat ears nevertheless cause them humiliation and lack of confidence.

Otoplasty is performed as day surgery and can be done with or without a general anaesthetic. Many people choose to have local anaesthetic and sedation. Bandages are usually worn for two weeks with normal activities resumed after that.

Most children find their post operative phase relatively free of discomfort. Our Plastic Surgeon, Anaesthetist and nursing team are very sensitive to a child's potential anxiety and we pay special attention to making sure the child feels safe and relaxed throughout the pre-operative, operative and post-operative phases.

from \$ 3,500 (add \$1,500 if not insured and you would prefer to be done in hospital with a general anaesthetic)

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