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## Ear Pinning (Otoplasty)

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**Otoplasty**, is a cosmetic surgery to change the appearance of a person's external ears. Otoplasty can take many forms, such as bringing the ears closer to the head (often called ear pinning), reducing the size of very big ears, or reshaping various bends in the cartilage. Other reconstructive procedures deal with the deformed, or absent-microtic ears. Otoplasty surgery can involve a combination of moving, reshaping, adding, or removing structural ear elements.

Cosmetic ear surgery, or otoplasty, is surgery to make the ears look better. Ears may stick out too far (either one or both), be misshapen, or have been damaged by trauma or disease can be corrected with this surgery. A missing ear can even be created, if needed.



**Before**



**After**

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The operation usually takes around an hour. If you have the surgery as an adult, you may have a local anaesthetic and sedation, but some patients prefer a general anaesthetic. Children usually have a general anaesthetic.

The surgeon makes an incision just behind the ear in the natural fold where the ear meets the head. Cartilage and skin are then removed from the ear to achieve the right effect - additionally, some of the cartilage may be pinned back with stitches. Finally, the surgeon stitches up the initial incision and then bandages the ears to protect them.

You will be required to take a week to 10 days off work and will need to wear a head bandage from 7 to 10 days to support the ears in their new position. The area will feel tender and swollen for a week or so, but once the bandage and sutures are removed at 7 to 10 days you will feel more comfortable.

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