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PROTRUDING EARS

Correction of protruding ears is usually a simple operation involving the realignment of ears that do not fit closely enough to the side of the head. In most cases, it can be performed under local anaesthesia, with or without light sedation.

The cartilage of the ear is made flexible by mobilising it from the overlying skin. The new alignment is held firm by some deep non-absorbable stitches. The skin is closed with fine absorbable sutures that disappear after 7 to 10 days.

After the operation the patient is kept in a semi-reclining position with the head held upright. A large, soft helmet-like dressing is essential for about 48 hours, or more for children, after which the ears are protected by a very soft bandage across the forehead until healing is complete. These dressings must be very carefully applied, as too much pressure on the newly repositioned ears could damage the skin and delay healing.

The success rate of this operation is almost 100%, but minor corrections can be made if necessary.

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