

In Case of Emergency

Dr Tony Moore can be contacted at any time on 08 70894486 to discuss your concerns. If you have a life threatening emergency please call 000.



Your Next Appointment

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

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Discharge Instructions Otoplasty

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Safe Hands

General Information

Bleeding

It is normal for the sutures to ooze for 24–48 hours. If the area bleeds:

- Sit or lie down and elevate your head on pillows.
- In the first 24 hours, it is not uncommon for dressings to be stained by bleeding. If the dressings, however, should become soaked with blood please contact us immediately.
- Apply firm pressure for 20–25 minutes.
- If bleeding does not stop please call us on 08 7089 4486

Pain or discomfort

After your surgery this is normal. Please take your pain medications as prescribed. Do not drive while you are taking prescription pain relievers or sedatives. Aspirin or NSAID's based medicine should not be taken before or surgery as this can increase the tendency for you to bleed. Please check with us or your Pharmacist if you are unsure.

Recovery Post-Op

Avoid strenuous activity, bending and lifting in the initial post-operative period. Sleep with your head elevated on 2–3 pillows for several days to help reduce swelling. You may shower and wash your hair once the bandages are removed .

Otoplasty

Some swelling and bruising over the face and ears is normal. The degree of this varies with each person. Sometimes the swelling can cause some temporary changes to the symmetry of the ears and face. Swelling and bruising will often resolve in the first couple of weeks but in some cases may persist for 3–4 weeks. You may be required to wear a compression garment to assist with swelling reduction. Feelings of tightness in your face and ear area and discomfort are all normal in the initial post-operative period. There may be loss of sensation over the ears, which may take weeks to months to return.

Most people can return to work/school 2–7 days after surgery. Strenuous activity and contact sport should be avoided for the first month. Gentle walking is fine after the first few days

Avoid wearing earrings for several weeks after surgery. Swelling may make it difficult to insert or remove earrings. There is an increased risk of infection.

Scar Management

All surgery results in scarring. To help you to achieve the best results, there are a number of options available to you once healing has occurred.