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Ear Piercing

AAA Pediatrics is happy to offer this popular service at our office. For more information about ear piercing, please read the information and FAQs below.

Piercings Available:

- The only location on the body we will pierce is the EAR LOBE
- We will pierce a total of two earrings in each ear lobe.
    - Only one pair of piercings (one in each ear lobe) will be performed at a visit. A second visit will be required to have the second pair of piercings completed in order to allow for proper healing time.
    - If one piercing already exists in the ear lobe, we will pierce the second set. If two or more piercings already exist, we will NOT place any additional piercings.

Pricing:

- Fees for ear piercing will not be filed against any insurance. All payments for this service are due at the time of visit.
- Ear piercing fee includes earrings: $ 100.00
    - **Additional Pricing**
        - 2nd pair of earring, $ 25.00 (purchased at the time of the 1st ear piercing appointment)
        1. $ 40.00 flat fee if original earring falls out and it needs to be replaced with a new pair only. It is the same price regardless of one or both ears.
        - $ 120.00 Consult Fee – after initial piercing, parent(s) needs a consult with the provider
            - If the patient has medical insurance, we can send a claim summary via email so the parent can submit to their insurance.

Scheduling:

- Ear piercing will only be performed by appointment. Walk-ins will be asked to schedule an appointment for a later time if the schedule allows or at a later date.
- Ear piercing will not be performed as part of a sick or well visit. Ear piercing will be conducted during a visit solely dedicated to that procedure and a separate appointment must be scheduled if you would like to see a provider for any other reason.

Ear Piercing FAQs

What are the advantages of having your child's ear pierced at AAA Pediatrics?

- AAA Pediatrics uses the GentlePierce for kids form Medi-System medical ear piercing (www.medisystem.com), which we believe provides a safer procedure for piercing your child's ears. The Medi-System uses a sterile disposable cartridge that is replaced with every piercing.
- When having the procedure performed in a medical office, you have professional care from someone trained in medical technique and wound management. It also gives you ready access to medical professionals for any questions, problems, or concerns before, during or after the procedure.

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How old must my child be to have his/her ear's pierced?

- Ear piercing is available for any child 4 months of age and older, at the discretion of their pediatrician. The child must be able to remain calm and still during the procedure. The clinical staff always reserves the right to cancel the procedure if they feel for any reason that the situation may be unsafe due to a child's unwillingness to cooperate.

What kinds of earring are used?

- The earrings are in a sterile cartridge attached to a piercing device. Our sterilized Medical Grade Titanium piercing earrings are designed to avoid metal allergies and skin sensitivity. They have protective surgical steel "Lock in Place" earring backs and for added safety, all earring styles are designed with "Rounded Ornaments". We include aftercare solution and ear care instructions to ensure healthy ear piercings. As a result, your child will experience a safe, healthy and gentle ear piercing.

Will it hurt?

- The child can experience a pinch and a stinging sensation similar to a vaccine injection during the procedure. Most do not require any further pain medication.

What are the risks?

- Ear piercing is a minor surgical procedure with similar risk to stitches or abscess drainage. Despite precautions, there is a small chance of infection, scarring or allergic reactions. Some people are prone to scarring and there is a small risk that a person could develop a keloid (an overgrown scar) formation at the piercing site. We do ask that you sign an informed consent waiver at the time of the procedure to verify that you have been notified of these risks.

How do I care for my child's ear lobes afterwards?

- After piercing you must clean the ear lobe with soap and water or benzalkonium chloride solution twice daily. Every effort should be made to have clean hands whenever touching the ears or earrings. The initial piercing must be left in for 6 weeks before replacing.

Do you offer piercing of any body part other than the ear lobe?

- No

Is video recording or picture taking during the procedure allowed?

- Pictures after the procedure can be done. Video recording is NOT allowed due to safety issues.

How can I find out more information?

- Please call AAA Pediatrics during normal business hours to request more information.

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www.aaapeds.com

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Ear Piercing – After Care Instructions

It is important to follow the aftercare instructions recommended by your physician.

1. Thoroughly cleanse your hands with antimicrobial soap prior to any contact with your newly pierced ears.
2. Cleanse the front and back of the ears twice daily for the next 6 weeks by liberally applying the Benzalkonium Chloride Antiseptic Solution with a saturated cotton ball or cotton swab (without removing the earring). Dry the area with a tissue. **DO NOT USE HYDROGEN PEROXIDE or ALCOHOL on the site.** Gently slide the ear-piercing earrings back and forth with each cleansing; then gently rotate the earrings.
3. After 6 weeks you may carefully remove the earrings permanently – preferably after a shower.
    a. Wash your hands
    b. With one hand take hold of the jewelry art of the earring.
    c. With the other hand gently wiggle the back until it loosens.
    d. Take the earring out of the earlobe.
4. Replace the earrings immediately with other post type earrings! We recommend replacing the earrings with hypo-allergenic earrings (surgical titanium, solid gold, or plastic).

Important Information:

- Do not touch your ears with unclean hands.
- Do not remove the earrings until it is recommended by your physician.
- Make sure your newly pierced ears remain clean and dry. Cover your ears when applying hair spray, perfume, etc.
- Take extra care when removing clothing over your head to prevent the earrings from getting caught.
- Wear post type earrings continually for the first year after the piercing to ensure the piercing will remain the proper size. The holes can shrink and the skin can grow over the area if there are no earrings to keep them open.
- Cover earrings with a bandage while playing contact sports.
- Monitor for symptoms of infection:
    - Spreading redness 48 hours after the ear-piercing procedure
    - Pus/drainage from the holes
    - Fever
    - Intense pain

CALL the office at 703-580-6400 if you notice any symptoms of infection

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CONSENT FORM – EAR PIERCING

Patient Information

Name:_____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

PLEASE INITIAL FOR CONSENT

____ I understand that fees for ear piercing will not be filed against any insurance. All payments for this service are due at the time of visit.

____ I understand that my ears will be pierced with sterile disposable cartridge, single use ear piercing earrings.

____ I acknowledge that if I am taking blood-thinning medication, antibiotics, am diabetic, have a history of infection of any other medical problems, that ear piercing may carry a greater risk for me.

____ I understand that ear piercing is a minor surgical procedure with similar risks to stitches or abscess drainage. Despite all precautions that are taken by AAA Pediatrics and my proper following of aftercare, the potential for infections exists. There is also the potential that one of the following complications may occur as a result of ear piercing:

Persistent Redness	Swelling Drainage	Bleeding	Embedded Clasp/Earring
Local Infection	Cellulitis Septicemia	Keloids	Cauliflower Ear
Pressure Sore	Traumatic Injury		

***You may contact the practice if you experience any of these symptoms.

____ I have read and understood the AFTER-CARE INSTRUCTIONS and have received a copy for my reference. I understand that after care is solely my responsibility and that SLPA will not monitor it.

____ I have agreed to this ear-piercing procedure. I am fully aware of the potential risks and complications.

____ I have agreed to NOT video record during the procedure.

I have read and understood all of the items listed above and agree to their terms. If the patient is a minor, then the undersigned certifies to AAA Pediatrics that the undersigned is the parent or legal guardian of the minor patient named above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print name: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____

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