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## Ear Lobe Repair

### **EAR LOBE REPAIR – for stretched, torn or elongated ear lobes**

At your initial consultation your ear lobes will be assessed for suitability of surgical repair. The cost for this initial appointment will be \$105 with \$41.40 rebate from Medicare, Monday - Friday after 8am, before 8am and weekends \$135 . (Your out of pocket cost is \$63.60 - \$93.60).

Please note, repairs cannot be performed on the day of your initial consultation.  
If you are having both lobes repaired, they will be repaired separately (usually 7 to 14 days apart).

### **The procedure**

When you arrive for your procedure, the nurse will take you into the theatre room, make you comfortable and prepare the ear lobe. This includes injecting local anaesthetic into the ear lobe, ensuring it is numb before the procedure begins.

Once the Doctor has completed the repair, the nurse will apply a dressing.

### **After the procedure**

The dressing that has been applied must stay in place and kept dry until the wound is reviewed by Kingsley Medical - usually within 2-3 days of the procedure. At this appointment, the dressing will be removed and a smaller, more discreet dressing applied. Sutures will be removed 7 to 10 days after the procedure.

### **Risks associated with this procedure**

**It is important that you read and understand the risks associated with the surgical correction before proceeding with this surgical procedure.**

All surgical procedures carry risks. The surgical correction of a torn ear lobes, keloid scar removal or stretched piercing may be associated with the following risks.

- Blood loss.
- Infection (at site of incision).
- Return of scar/keloid tissue.
- Asymmetrical ear lobes.
- Re-opening of incision lines.
- Delayed healing.

## Signs of infection

If at any time you experience any of the following symptoms, you must notify Kingsley Medical immediately:-

- An increased level of pain in the ear lobe.
- Any redness that increases over the ear.
- Any heat coming from the ear lobe.
- Any offensive odour coming from the wound or any discharge from the wound.
- Reduced hearing.

## Cost

The cost of the procedure is \$534.50 plus a theatre fee of \$ 95 which is payable on the day of the procedure. You may be eligible for a Medicare rebate of \$358.90 if the ear lobe has been injured or damaged. For stretched ear lobes, this procedure is considered cosmetic and Medicare rebates do not apply.

**\*\*\* Please note, all missed 'follow-up' consultations and late cancellations (less than 2-hours) will incur a \$110 fee\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Missed surgical consultations or late cancellations (less than 24-hours) will incur a \$200 fee\*\*\***

All appointments following the procedure are covered under this fee.

	Private	Medicare Rebate
<b>Initial Consultation (once only)</b>	<b>\$105.00</b> (\$135 before 8am and on weekends)	<b>\$41.40</b>
<b>Surgical repair</b>	<b>\$534.50</b>	<b>\$358.90</b> (if eligible)
<b>Theatre Fee</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Fee</b>	<b>\$734.50</b>	

I (PRINT NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ have read the information above. I understand the surgical procedure that I will be undertaking. I understand the fees associated with this procedure including 'missed appointment fees' and 'late cancellations'. I understand the potential risks associated with this procedure (outlined above). I have been given the opportunity to speak with Dr \_\_\_\_\_ about this procedure and the necessary after-care that will be required.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_