



EAR PIERCING - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What are the advantages of having your child's ears pierced at Frederick Pediatric Associates?

- We use the Coren Preloaded Ear Pierce system to provide a safe, clean, and sterile ear-piercing.
- Piercing is provided by a professional who is trained in medical technique and wound care.

What age can my child have their ears pierced?

- 10 weeks of age is the minimum age requirement
- Patients must be up-to-date with immunizations, including DTaP prior to the ear-piercing procedure.

What kind of earrings are used?

- The earrings, studs, and clasps are hypo-allergenic surgical stainless steel.
- Offered in 24K gold plated. Each earring is individually sealed with disposable ear-piercer.
- We are unable to use earrings brought from home.

Will the ear piercing hurt?

- Your child will experience a pinch and a stinging sensation, similar to a vaccine.
- Pain will dissipate after 5-10 minutes. Most patients do not require any pain medication.
- If preferred, a prescription can be phoned in to your pharmacy for numbing medication. The cost is your responsibility. The numbing medication should be applied to the location an hour before the procedure. Please request the prescription at the time of scheduling.

What piercings are available?

- The only piercing offered at our office is the lower ear lobe.
- We will pierce to a total of two earrings in each ear lobe.
- Only one pair of piercings (one in each lobe) will be performed at a visit.
- A second visit is required for a second set of piercings in order to allow proper healing time.

Can I get my child's ears pierced at the well or sick visit, or as a walk-in?

- No. Ear piercing is done by appointment only and not as an add-on to another visit type.

What are the risks?

- Ear piercing is a minor surgical procedure with similar risks to stitches or abscess drainage.
- Despite precautions, there is a small chance of infection, scarring, or allergic reactions.
- You will be asked to sign an informed consent at the time of the procedure to verify that you have been notified of these risks.

What is the cost of the ear piercing?

- We charge \$100 for a pair of ear piercings; \$60 for a single ear piercing.
- The fee includes the piercing visit, the sterile earring studs, and a \$50 non-refundable deposit, to be made at the time of scheduling the appointment.

Will my insurance cover this service?

- No. Insurances do not cover ear piercings. Piercings are considered a cosmetic procedure.
- Remaining balance of payment is required at check-in for the ear piercing visit.

After-care instructions will be provided to you at the ear-piercing appointment.