



We offer ear piercing at our office for children at selected ages who are established patients in the practice.

What you need to know about ear-piercing:

What are the advantages of having your child's ears pierced at the pediatrician's office?

- Ears are pierced with a medical device manufactured by Blomdahl that is designed to deliver safe, clean, and sterile ear-piercings using a sterile, disposable cartridge that is replaced with every visit.
- Earring options are medical-grade titanium or plastic to reduce the development of a nickel allergy.
- Piercing is provided by a medical professional with knowledge of medical techniques and wound care. You will also have ready access to medical professionals for any questions, problems, or concerns before, during, or after the procedure.
- Numbing cream can be prescribed for your application **prior to appointment** upon request.

At what ages are ear piercings offered?

- Ear piercings will be offered between 2 months to 7 months and again at age 7 years and up.
- The child must be able to remain calm and still during the procedure. We are not providing sedation.
- All patients must be up to date on recommended routine vaccines per the CDC schedule.

Will the ear-piercing hurt?

- A pinch and a stinging sensation, like a vaccine injection, is to be expected with ear-piercing.
- This sensation will likely dissipate after about 5-10 minutes. Patients usually do not require pain medication, but Tylenol or Motrin can be administered per manufacturer dosing guidelines.
- Numbing cream can be utilized to numb the earlobe prior the procedure. It is recommended that this is applied one hour prior to the piercing. If you would like this called in for your child, please request at the time of scheduling.

What piercings are available?

- Our office will pierce a total of 2 earrings in each lower earlobe.
- Only one pair of piercings (one in each lobe) will be performed at each visit.
- A second visit is required for a second set of piercings to allow for proper healing time and minimize infection risk.

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

- Piercings will be offered by appointment only and cannot be added to a well or sick visit.
- Piercing visits will be limited to the procedure and education related to the procedure. Any other concerns must be addressed at a separate visit.

What are the risks?

- Ear piercing is a minor surgical procedure with similar risks to stitches or abscess drainage.
- Despite precautions, there is a 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 \$125 for a pair of ear piercings.
- This fee includes the piercing visit and education, the sterile earring studs, and aftercare.
- Full payment is required at the time of scheduling.
- A 6-week follow-up visit is available to change earrings from the original piercing studs and to assess the site. This visit will cost an additional \$20 and will not include jewelry.

Will my insurance cover this service?

- Insurance companies do not cover ear-piercing as it is considered a cosmetic procedure.
- In the event your child develops complications secondary to the ear piercing, a separate office visit will be made. This visit is subject to billing, coinsurance, and copay.

You will receive detailed aftercare instructions at the ear-piercing appointment.