



Ear Piercing Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I get any part of my body pierced?

A: No. We only pierce ear lobes (one or two holes). We do not pierce ear cartilage, belly buttons, tongues, etc.

Q: Can I schedule ear piercing and a sick visit at the same time?

A: No. Ear piercing appointments must be scheduled at a separate time.

Q: What is EMLA?

A: EMLA is the numbing cream we offer with ear piercing. It is a combination of 2.5% Lidocaine and 2.5% Prilocaine. If you would like to have EMLA applied prior to the piercing, please arrive 45 minutes early for your appointment for application. It takes 30-45 minutes for EMLA to work well.

Q: Do I have to use EMLA?

A: No, not at all. It is completely optional.

Q: How old must my child be to have their ears pierced?

A: 2 months old and had vaccines according to the information below.

Q: Does my child have to be vaccinated to have their ears pierced?

A: We require that at least one dose of the Hepatitis B and tetanus has been administered 2 weeks prior to the appointment.

Q: Do you pierce patients who are not patients at Pediatric Care of Rockville?

A: Yes, as long as they have met age and vaccination requirements. Please fax a copy of your vaccination records at least 2 days prior to your appointment. If we do not receive your paperwork, your appointment will be cancelled.

Q: Do I need a parent to be present for ear piercing?

A: Yes, if you are under the age 18 years old.

Q: Who will be doing the ear piercing?

A: Dr. Cantor and Dr. Uliassi both do ear piercings, they are both board certified pediatricians.

Q: How do I take care of my ears after they are pierced?

A: Please see our "After Care" instructions on our website. You will also be given this information at your appointment.

Q: How are ear piercing appointments scheduled?

A: The appointment is scheduled as a 30 minute visit to allow enough time for the procedure. If you would like to use EMLA, please arrive 45 minutes prior to your appointment time.

Q: Can I schedule more than one child for ear piercing at the same time?

A: Yes, but they will need separate appointments.

Q: What kind of earrings do you use?

A: We use a system called Gentle Pierce by MediSystem. All of the earrings are made of Medical Titanium, which has an extremely low risk of allergic reaction. You can see pictures of all earring choices on our website.

Q: Are your earrings sterile?

A: Yes. We use single-cartridge earrings that are packaged separately. We do not use a typical "earring gun" so all materials are used once only.

Q: When is it ok to swim after having ears pierced?

A: We recommend waiting at least 4 weeks to allow for healing.

Q: If I have any more questions, whom can I contact?

A: Please contact our office at 301-881-7995.