A SIMPLE, QUICK AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR CORRECTION OF PROMINENT EARS

Procedure performed in less than 20 minutes under local anaesthesia with immediate correction and rapid recovery

- Consistent outcomes with less discomfort
- Fewer side effects than with traditional otoplasty surgery

WHAT TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR SURGEON

Am I suitable for the treatment?
How much correction should I have?
What are the limitations of earFold?

Find out more about the Earfold treatment at: http://www.changesclinic.co.uk/earfold/
Call us in confidence to discuss if this procedure is right for you: 02392 382 000
**Earfold™ is suitable for virtually all types of ear prominence**

Individuals with prominent ears due to an absence or poor development of the anti-helical fold will benefit most from earFold™. This is true for most people with prominent ears and, as a result, the majority of people will benefit from treatment with earFold™.

**Your choice: customise your treatment**

For the first time in prominent ear correction earFold™ provides the individual with the unique opportunity of selecting the outcome they desire rather than leaving that decision to the surgeon. Using preFold™ clips - made of the same nitinol material as the earFold™ implant - the surgeon can show the individual what their ears will look like once the implants are in place. What is seen with preFold™ is what will be the final result after treatment with earFold™.

**The earFold™ implant is an excellent solution for people with asymmetric ears**

The earFold™ implant is the perfect treatment for people with asymmetric ears (i.e. one ear is more prominent than the other) since it is possible to ensure that the implants are placed in just the right position to achieve satisfactory symmetry.

“I am really pleased with the result of my earFold operation. The operation didn’t hurt at all except the local anesthetic which only hurt for 10 seconds. The people at the hospital were very kind and friendly. After the operation my ears went very black and swollen but that only lasted a few days and my mum gave me Calpol and Nurofen to help. The night after was very painful but from then on it just got better and better. When I went to school my friends were asking lots of questions and I couldn’t do P.E for 3 or 4 weeks. My stitches have fallen out now and I can do sports now.”

Little boy, aged 11
HOW IT WORKS

Once your ears have been numbed with a local anaesthetic injection, a small incision is made at the edge of your ear. The surgeon will slide the introducer, containing the earFold™ implant, under the skin. It is then released at the position specified during the assessment. Once released, earFold™ grips the cartilage of the ear and immediately folds it into a pre-determined shape. One or two stitches are then used to close the skin incision.

THE EARFOLD™ IMPLANT

earFold™ is an implant made of a short strip of Nitinol. Nitinol is a metal alloy of nickel and titanium and is widely used in healthcare. The implant consists of a curved, wafer-thin strip of metal (approximately the same thickness as a human hair) which is plated with 24-carat gold to reduce the visibility of the implant under the skin. The earFold™ implant has undergone extensive laboratory and human clinical testing over a period of several years. You can handle and inspect the earFold™ implant when you visit your consultant.

"My ears are absolutely fine and I am so pleased with the results! They are no longer hurting or anything and the bruising has gone down. Thank you so much."

Young female, aged 18
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Is earFold™ suitable for children?

earFold™ is suitable for both children and adults. If a child is old enough to co-operate with having a local anaesthetic injection, then the child is suitable for treatment with earFold™. Children as young as 7 years of age have been treated without difficulty.

How much correction can be achieved with earFold™?

For the first time in prominent ear correction, earFold™ provides a unique opportunity for the person to select the precise amount of correction that is desired rather than leaving it to the discretion of the surgeon.

How long does it take to insert earFold™?

This will depend on the number of implants needed to correct the ear prominence. However the whole procedure (making an incision, inserting earFold™ and closing the incision) should take no longer than 15 minutes.

How quickly can I return to my normal activities?

Most patients return to work immediately after treatment although they should expect some bruising and swelling after treatment which is likely to last for a few days.

Does earFold™ need to be removed or can it be left in permanently?

The earFold™ implants have been designed to be completely biocompatible and are intended to be left in place permanently. However, if a person wishes to have them removed at any time, this is a quick and easy procedure.

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