



We are excited to offer medical ear piercing. Please read the FAQ's for more information about this new service we are offering:

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Why should I use Bee Caves Pediatrics for ear piercing?

We believe using the Blomdahl medical ear piercing system available only to physicians provides your child with safer and more sanitary alternatives to the mall or jewelry store. Blomdahl is a sterile system where a disposable cartridge is replaced with every ear piercing and use of medical-grade titanium piercing studs to reduce the chance of an allergic reaction.

In a medical office, you will have the professional care from doctors and nurses trained in sterile technique. You also have access to medical professionals for questions, problems or concerns before, during or after the procedure.

Can I get it done during a scheduled visit or as a walk-in?

This visit is dedicated solely to the ear piercing procedure which will allow time for the procedure to be explained and performed with detailed aftercare instructions. This is done by appointment only with a nurse or medical assistant at either of our practice locations.

-In our Westlake clinic, ear piercing is performed on Thursdays.

-In our Lakeway clinic, ear piercing is performed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

How old must my child be to have his/her ear pierced?

This service will be available to patients 3 months old and up to adolescents who are up to date with their tetanus vaccines. Some exceptions to this age policy may be made at the discretion of the pediatrician. We need your child to be able to sit quietly during the procedure and participate in responsible aftercare to ensure a good outcome. The staff reserves the right to cancel the procedure if they feel, for any reason, the situation may be unsafe due to a child's inability to cooperate.

Where can I get my child pierced?

The only location we will pierce is the earlobe. We will pierce no more than one earring per ear lobe. We do not provide cartilage (upper lobe) piercing.

How much will it cost?

This is a cosmetic procedure and will NOT be filed with insurance. Payment is due at the time the service is performed. The cost is \$70 for two ear piercings, this includes the earrings, topical anesthetic and aftercare swabs.

What kinds of earrings are used?

The earrings come in single-use sterile cartridges and are available in medical-grade plastic or medical-grade titanium, the most superior non-allergic metal.

What styles are available?

We currently stock crystal medical-grade plastic piercing studs as well as silver and gold titanium piercing studs. Our staff will show you our selection of stock so you or your child can make a decision.

Will it hurt?

We use a local topical anesthetic to reduce the discomfort associated with ear piercing. We apply it to the skin and allow it to remain on the ear for 30 minutes to maximize its effect. Yes, there will be some discomfort after the ear piercing, your child will experience a pinch or a small sting similar to getting a vaccination. Afterwards if the child complains of discomfort it can be treated with ibuprofen (age appropriate dosage).

What are the risks?

We will ask you to sign an informed consent to verify that you understand the risks associated to getting the ear lobes pierced.

How do I care for the piercing afterwards?

After piercing you must clean the earlobe with soap and water twice daily, or with sterile saline. Always use clean hands to touch ears and earrings. DO NOT twist the earrings or apply rubbing alcohol as this will impede healing. The earring will stay in place for 6 weeks before removing and replacing the piercing studs. You will be provided detailed aftercare instructions that we recommend you follow responsibly.