

WHAT TO EXPECT FOLLOWING OTOPLASTY

SWELLING – After the dressing is removed swelling of the ears will peak at 2 to 3 days post-surgery. It begins to resolve thereafter, with the majority dissipated by 2 weeks.

DISCOMFORT – Mild to moderate discomfort for several days, followed by mild discomfort for a variable period thereafter is typical. Use your pain medication as needed. Recovery is more rapid once you are off the prescription pain medication. If pain becomes severe along with drainage or increased swelling please call me as soon as possible, as this may suggest an infection.

BRUISING – This resolves after 7 to 10 days, and varies from patient to patient.

INCISION – Lumpiness of the incision is not uncommon following surgery. It usually resolves spontaneously with time, weeks to months. If scar tissue increases it may be a “hypertrophic” scar, in which case we will treat medically and sometimes surgically.

FINAL RESULT – Once the dressing is removed the day after surgery you will see an immediate result. However, the final result will take some time to achieve, but the results get better with time.