



Comfort & Fit: Your Child's Hearing Aids

Tips

Practical advice to identify why your child removes their hearing aids, and suggestions to keep them in place.

- Sometimes when babies teethe their ear/jaw can be sensitive and cause discomfort for them. There is a connection with nerve pathways.
- It might be a good idea to take regular looks inside your child's ear/pinna area for little pimples or sores that pop up from time to time. These can make wearing hearing aids uncomfortable.
- Any ear infections can cause pain and extra pressure, especially if middle ear fluid is present. It is a good idea to have regular tympanograms done to rule out middle ear fluid.
- If your child is pulling both aids out - they are either doing it as a part of a developmental/curiosity state or they are physically uncomfortable. New earmolds are like new shoes and are usually tight (or sometimes ill-fitting or too loose, causing them to move around and wiggle). There is a delicate balance between a good fit/tight fit/loose fit, especially at this age.
- If an earmold is in fact poorly fitted, there is usually a 3-month remake period at no charge to the patient or audiologist. Parents only need to return to the clinic for new impressions. Baby patients/toddler patients often need replacement earmolds every 2 months or so.
- Checking the hearing aids daily (with the listening scope) is important to make sure they sound clear and are in working order. This will help to ensure that your child is receiving the best auditory signal and not fuzz or static.
- There are also lightweight head bands or caps that can be used to keep the hearing device in place. In the past, older models of hearing aids would produce a whistling sound (feedback) when covered, but today's newer models are generally more tolerant of being covered up. Just make sure the material is a lightweight fabric (not a thick winter headband). Here are a few product examples to look at online (or, get creative and try making one yourself!).
- [Little Gates Creations](#)
- [Hearing Henry](#)
- [Gear for Ears](#)
- [Gator Clips](#)