

Piercing / Re-Piercing



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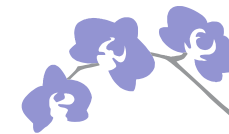
Professional Piercing

Repairing Stretches & Tears

Gauge Reversal

Earlobe Reduction

Deflated Earlobe Reversal



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Earlobe piercing is often performed with a "piercing gun", by an inexperienced friend or a family member.

These often result in an earring which is either incorrectly positioned, not matching, or angled in the wrong direction. Dr. Brandow has developed a simple, yet sophisticated technique to avoid these problems.

Numbing cream and local anesthesia are used to make this a painless procedure. This can be performed on all age groups. It's worth it to have it done right.

Single Tear

Before: Earlobe with Single Tear



After: Six Weeks Post Repair



After: Ear Piercing



Single tears are the most common. They can be hole stretches, partial or complete tears. The repair is performed with local anesthesia in one of Dr. Brandow's offices, and the patient will have stitches in place for seven days. Re-piercing is performed by Dr. Brandow six to eight weeks later.

Double Tear

Before: Earlobe with Double Tear



After: One Year Post Repair



Double tears are more complex and require more expertise and technical skill to avoid notching and/or a depressed looking scar. Re-piercing can be done in eight weeks. These patients often require the addition of a filler, such as Juvederm or Restylane, to fill out the loss of fatty tissue in the earlobe.

Earlobe Gauge Reversal

Before: Earlobe with Gauge



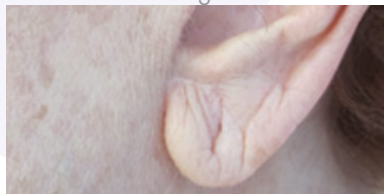
After: One Week



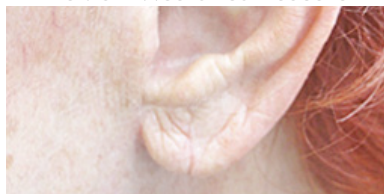
As young adults mature, they often request reversal of the gauged earlobe.

Earlobe Reduction

Before: Large Earlobe



After: Six Weeks Post Reduction



After: Ear Piercing



Earlobes tend to stretch with heavy earrings and age, especially when they are large to begin with. Reduction surgery will leave a faint scar which will be hidden when the ears are repierced. Reductions can reduce an earlobe size by 50 – 60%.

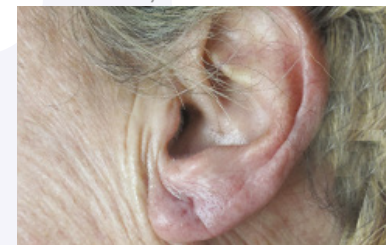
If deflation has occurred as well, fillers are recommended "prior" to re-piercing to get a more youthful look.

Deflated Earlobe

Before: Deflated Earlobe



Immediately After: First Treatment



Immediately After: Second Treatment



Deflation of the earlobe tends to occur with age and will progress with time. This causes earrings to tilt or face downward because of the lack of support to the body of the earlobe. This can be corrected with a filler, such as Juvederm or Restylane. Numbing cream is applied for thirty minutes and the injection takes ten minutes. It often requires two to three separate sessions, performed six to eight weeks apart. The results will last for 1.5 – 2 years or longer.