Post Op Instructions Following Ear Grafting

Removing your Ear Gauze (aka “bolster”)

• The ear gauze can be removed the 4\textsuperscript{th} day after surgery.
• Look at this image:
• You need to cut black stitch on either side of the knot
• The knot will now be removed
• The piece of gauze in the front of the ear can now be gently pulled out of the front of the ear
• The piece of gauze behind the ear can also now be pulled away from the ear
• As the back gauze is pulled away, the black stitch will “come along” with it.
• There are dissolvable stitches on the back of the ear which should be kept moist with bacitracin ointment until 8-10 days from surgery