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## Post Op Instructions Following Ear Grafting

### Removing your Ear Gauze (aka “bolster”)

- The ear gauze can be removed the 4<sup>th</sup> 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

