

Name of Child: _____ Date: _____

How to Cut Earmold Tubing for Your Child's Hearing Aids

When you get new earmolds for your child's hearing aids, you will need to cut the tubing to fit correctly. Follow these steps to cut the tubing to the correct length:

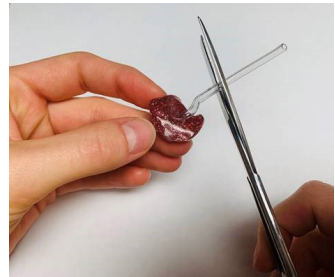
- 1) Put the new earmold with the long tubing into your child's ear.
- 2) Hang the hearing aid on the ear the way it normally sits.
- 3) Line up the tubing with the earhook of the hearing aid.
- 4) Use a pen to mark the tubing just above where it connects to the notched part of the ear hook.
- 5) Remove the earmold from your child's ear and cut the tubing at the mark. **Important:** It is better to cut the tubing a little longer than needed rather than cutting it too short. You can always trim off more if needed.
- 6) Attach the trimmed earmold to the hearing aid. **Important:** Make sure the correct hearing aid is connected to the correct earmold. The right earmold should be connected to the hearing aid with a red marking. The left earmold should be connected to the hearing aid with a blue marking.



1) Put the new earmold with the long tubing into your child's ear



4) Use a pen to mark the tubing

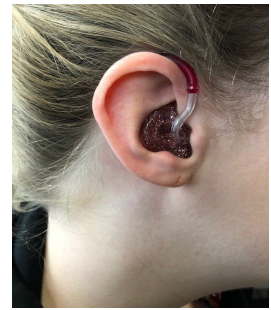


5) Cut the tubing at the mark



6) Attach the trimmed earmold to the hearing aid.

- 7) Put the hearing aid on your child's ear. The hearing aid with the red marking goes on the right ear. The hearing aid with the blue marking goes on the left ear. Check to make sure the hearing aid fits correctly:
- If the tubing is too long, it will move around or sit off the ear.
 - If the tubing is too short, it will feel too tight and may leave a red mark.
 - If you cut the tubing too short, call your child's audiologist so they can re-tube the earmold for you.



7) Put the hearing aid on your child's ear

Now that you have read this:

- Show your child's audiologist how you will trim the earmold tubing for the hearing aids. (Check when done.)



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