## **Medical Ear Piercing**

## Call or Text 843-416-3333 for an appointment

Medical Ear Piercing is now available at Sweetgrass Pediatrics! The providers at Sweetgrass Pediatrics are excited to offer this service to our patients. We are currently performing ear piercing only in our Carnes Crossroads and Park West offices.

We have selected the **Blomdahl® Medical Ear Piercing System** which is available to physicians. Medical ear piercing in our office means that your child will receive professional care from a pediatric provider who has been trained in sterile technique and wound management.

The Blomdahl® Medical Ear Piercing System uses single-use cassettes which minimize the chance of infection at the piercing site and medical grade plastic piercing studs which eliminates the risk of nickel allergy. Using this system also eliminates the possibility of patient-to-patient cross-contamination because only the single-use part of the equipment ever comes in contact with the skin at the piercing site.

**Medical Ear Piercing Age restrictions for ear piercing:** We recommend ear piercing after age 2.5 months. Waiting until children are 2.5 months old ensures that they have had their first set of vaccines and allows the ear to grow big enough to allow for accurate placing of the earring. All eligible patients should be up to date on all vaccines.

**By appointment only:** Ear piercings are only done during visits solely dedicated to the medical ear piercing procedure. We do ear piecing by appointment only and not as an "add on" to another sick or well visit. This allows enough time to perform the procedure, explain and answer questions about the aftercare.

Where do we pierce? We only pierce ear lobes and only do one piercing per lobe per visit. At this time we do not perform a second or third piercing. We do not pierce ear cartilage (the upper part of the ear), noses, or belly buttons.

**How much does it cost?** We charge \$75 to pierce up to 2 ears. This price includes the piercing studs, which are removed after 6-8 weeks. • Full payment is due when you check in for your ear piercing appointment. • Payment covers the cost of the procedure, piercing the ear(s), and the ear piercing studs (which you leave in for 6 weeks).