

Patient Information

Retubing Your Earmould

Your earmould comes with a tube in place which connects the ear mould to the hearing aid. This tube requires replacing approximately every six months as it naturally hardens and discolours, reducing the quality of the sound travelling through it. The tube can also become blocked up with wax and replacing the tube may be the only way to clear it completely.

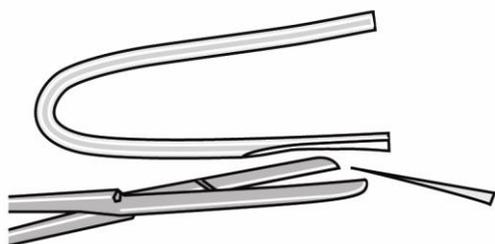
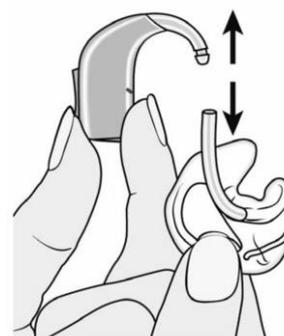
Tubes can be replaced by booking an appointment at the Audiology Department, and by also visiting a Cambridgeshire Hearing Help session (See Cambridgeshire Hearing Help leaflet).

However you may wish to retube your earmoulds yourself. Retubing your own earmoulds saves the time and expense of attending the departments or going to a local clinic.

Spare Tubing can be obtained from the Audiology Department or through Cambridgeshire Hearing Help.

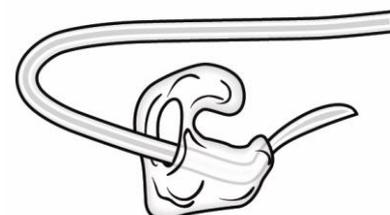
A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO RETUBING YOUR EAR MOULD

1. Remove the old existing tubing either with your fingers or pliers.



2. Use a pair of scissors to taper the edge of one side of the length of replacement tubing. Do not cut too close to the bend.

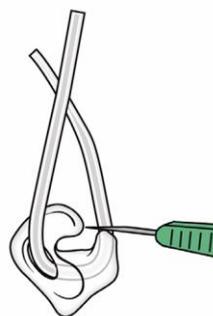
3. Thread the tube into your ear mould from the outside, through to the part that fits inside your ear. Threaders can be purchased by Connevans or RNID to help with this.





4. Next pull the tubing through the ear mould so that the remaining tubing is facing upwards at approximately a 50 degree angle.

5. Use a pair of scissors to carefully cut the flush with the end.

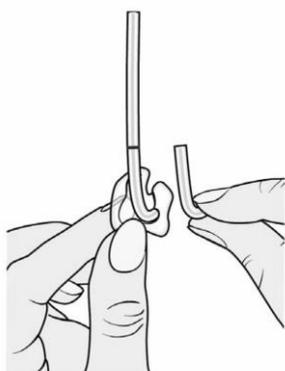


tapered tubing

ADJUSTING THE LENGTH OF THE TUBE

Having put the new tube in place, you will need to cut it to the correct length for your ear. This is also necessary if you have received a new ear mould in the post.

1. Position the mould correctly in your ear and place the hearing aid over your ear in its normal position.
2. Mark the position where the end of the hearing aid (the hook) overlaps the tubing, leaving enough tubing for the two to fit together comfortably. Note that you may need a mirror or another person to help you do this.



3. Remove the ear mould from your ear and cut the tubing where you have marked it.

4. You can also use the old tubing that you had previously removed from the ear mould as a guide to the length of the tubing needed. Place the old tubing against the new one and trim to the same size.

5. Finally, connect the ear mould and tubing together. It is now ready for use.

References: All images sourced from Addenbrookes Audiology Department



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