

## WHAT IS MICROTIA AND ATRESIA

### What is Microtia?

Microtia is an incomplete or underdeveloped ear. It literally comes from the words “micro” (small) and “otia” (ear). Microtia may affect one side only (unilateral) or affect both ears (bilateral).

### What is Aural Atresia?

Aural atresia is the absence or closure of the ear canal. Many microtia patients also have atresia as the outer ear and ear canal develop at the same time during pregnancy.

