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Annotated Bibliography #2

Fiscus, Scott. "Vanderbilt July 2019 Microtia and Atresia Conference Scott Fiscus, BCO"

YouTube, uploaded by VUMC O-HNS, 26 Feb 2020,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DVpixgPj1g&t=416s>.

Ocularist and Anaplastologist Scott Fiscus presents about ear prosthetics at a Vanderbilt University conference. Scott professionally makes eye and facial prosthetics and teaches about ear prostheses at this conference. He starts by describing who might need these prosthetics. It ranges from people who don't have ears from birth to cancer patients and amputees. He then goes on to describe how the ears stay on. He says there are adhesives, bone-anchored implants, or the use of an existing part of the ear. The advantages of this are less surgery, a natural look, helps to be able to wear glasses, and helps with hearing. He also lists the disadvantages: the ear wearing out, the ear needing to be remade, and that the ear cannot be worn all the time. He then talks about insurance, which plays a big part, but he says that insurance is often covered for children. He then discusses bone-anchored implants in detail. These are made of Titanium, have been used for decades, and ideally would be used at the time when the ear was removed. Lastly, he uses the rest of his time to talk about examples of ears he has done before. He shows examples of adhesive ears and implant-retained ears while also showing the steps for ear surgery.

Scott Fiscus is a credible source because he is a Board Certified Ocularist (BCO) who has been specializing in making prosthetic ears, eyes, noses, fingers, and toes for over 20 years. He was also invited to speak at this conference for Vanderbilt University Medical Center, a well-known and respected program. He uses real examples of ears he has made and also uses pictures and experiences from patients he has treated. Scott steadily provides facts throughout his presentation, only giving his personal surgical preferences when asked by the audience.

This source could be extremely useful to anyone with a recent ear amputation or congenital ear condition. It clearly lays out many options for multiple types of ear prostheses, advantages and disadvantages, and many real-life examples of patients. Additionally, anyone simply wanting to become educated about this topic could watch this video and have a basic understanding of the process. Overall, this video serves as a reliable source to educate about the basics of ear prosthetics and the different methods to receive one.