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# J. ARTURO BONILLA, M.D.



**J. ARTURO BONILLA, M.D.**, is one of only three Pediatric Ear, Nose & Throat surgeons in San Antonio. Always knowing that he was going to specialize in some kind of surgical specialty dealing with children, Dr. Arturo Bonilla decided to specialize in the surgical and medical management of childhood pediatric ear, nose & throat disorders.

It was at the prestigious Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh that Dr. Arturo Bonilla found a subspecialty that has become a passion for him - the surgical reconstruction of children's ear defects.

"After one of my pediatric patients at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh said that she could clearly hear the birds chirp for the first time in her life, I knew this is what I wanted to do," says Dr. Bonilla.

Since coming back to San Antonio with his wife and three sons in 1996, Dr. Bonilla has developed one of the largest pediatric ear deformity centers in the United States. This center is known as the Microtia - Congenital Ear Institute and is visited by patients who have traveled from all over the world to have their ears reconstructed. Almost all of these children also have severe hearing loss. Although the majority of children seen by Dr. Bonilla are born without ears (a condition known as "microtia"), he also takes care of children with protruding ears or "lop ears."

"The wonderful improvement in these children's confidence and self-esteem after the reconstructions makes it one of the most gratifying surgeries I have been involved in," says Dr. Bonilla.

Dr. Bonilla has appeared as a guest on several international programs. In addition, his patients have appeared on all the major English and Spanish TV networks as news stories. Dr. Bonilla is honored to be voted by his peers as one of San Antonio's best doctors.

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