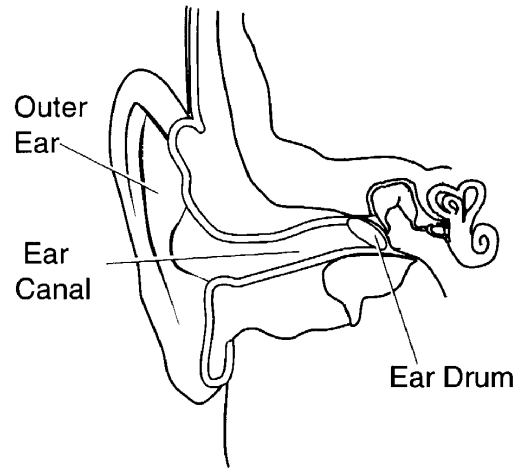


Middle Ear Infection

Middle ear infection is called otitis media. This infection occurs when germs get into the middle ear and the area fills with fluid. Germs from a cold or flu can lead to a middle ear infection. Fluid build-up in the middle ear can put pressure on your eardrum causing pain or other signs.



Signs

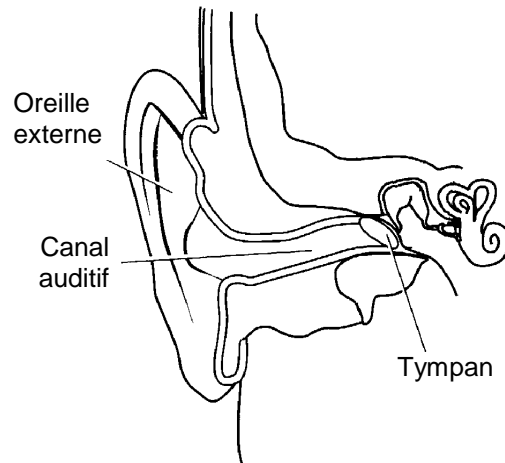
- Pain
- Fever
- Drainage
- Hearing loss

Your Care

- Your doctor will ask you about your signs and check your ears.
- If your infection is caused by germs, antibiotic medicine may be ordered. Take all of your medicine as directed.
- You may use a heating pad on a **low** setting.
- **Do not** put anything in your ears including liquids, herbs or cotton-tipped applicators unless directed to by your doctor. They can block your ear canal, causing a loss of hearing or infection.

Infection de l'oreille moyenne

L'infection de l'oreille moyenne est appelée otite moyenne. Cette infection survient lorsque des germes pénètrent dans l'oreille moyenne et que du liquide s'accumule dans cette région. Les germes d'un rhume ou d'une grippe peuvent provoquer une infection de l'oreille moyenne. L'accumulation de liquide dans l'oreille moyenne peut faire pression sur la membrane du tympan et provoquer des douleurs ou d'autres signes.



Signes

- Douleur
- Fièvre
- Écoulements
- Perte d'audition

Soins

- Votre médecin vous demandera quels sont vos signes et examinera vos oreilles.
- Si votre infection est provoquée par des germes, il pourra vous prescrire des antibiotiques. Prenez tous les médicaments qui vous seront prescrits.
- Vous pouvez utiliser un coussin chauffant à **basse** température.
- **N'introduisez rien** dans vos oreilles, y compris des liquides, des plantes ou des cotons tiges, à moins que votre médecin ne vous y ait autorisé. Cela peut bloquer votre canal auditif et provoquer une perte d'audition ou une infection.

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Call your doctor right away if you have:

- Pain that gets worse
- Fever that gets higher or does not go away
- Drainage that gets worse
- Hearing loss

Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

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Appelez immédiatement votre médecin si vous avez :

- Une douleur qui empire
- De la fièvre qui ne disparaît pas ou qui empire
- Des écoulements qui empirent
- Une perte d'audition

Parlez à votre médecin ou votre infirmière si vous avez des questions ou des inquiétudes.

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