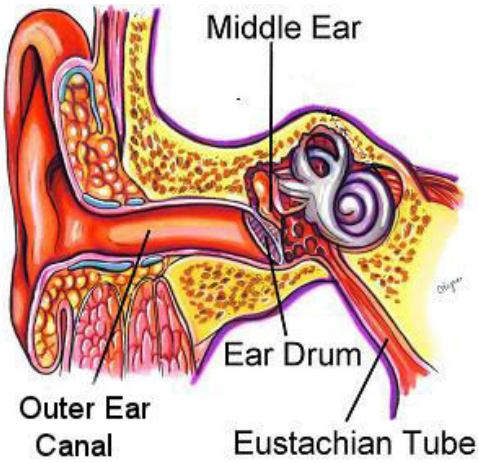
Middle Ear Infection, Child
(Otitis Media, Child)

A middle ear infection affects the space behind the eardrum. This condition is known as “otitis media” and it often occurs as a complication of the common cold. It is the second most common disease of childhood behind respiratory illnesses.



AN INFECTION WAS FOUND TODAY IN YOUR CHILD'S:

Right Ear and/or Left Ear.

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Continue giving medicine, if prescribed, for 10 days or as prescribed even though your child may feel better after the first few days.
- Only take over-the-counter or prescription medicines for pain, discomfort, or fever as directed by your caregiver.

FOLLOW UP with your caregiver as directed.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- Your child's problems *(symptoms)* do not improve within 2 to 3 days.
- Your child has an oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C), not controlled by medicine.
- Your baby is older than 3 months with a rectal temperature of 102º F (38.9º C) or higher.
- **Your baby is 3 months old or younger with a rectal temperature of 100.4º F (38º C) or higher.**
- You notice unusual fussiness, drowsiness or confusion.
- Your child has a headache, neck pain or a stiff neck.
- Your child has excessive diarrhea or vomiting.
- Your child has seizures *(convulsions)*.
- There is an inability to control pain using the medication as directed.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch your condition.
- Will get help right away if you are not doing well or get worse.

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