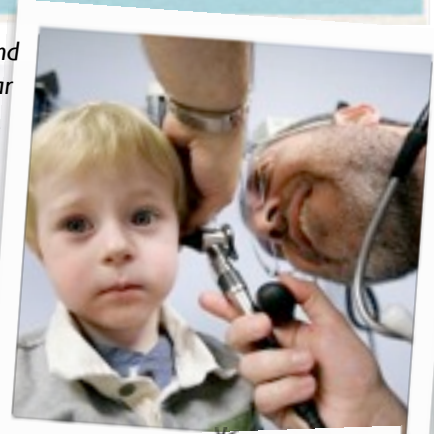


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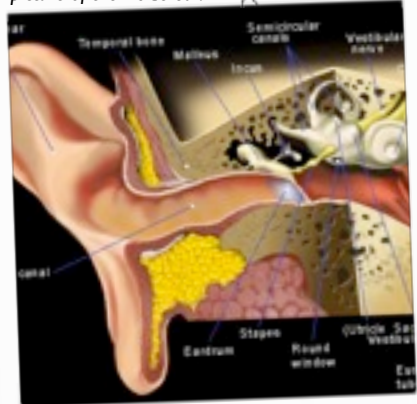
EAR INFECTIONS

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A boy has an ear infection and the doctor is checking his ear with a special tool for ears.



A picture of the inside ear.



Information about ear infections

In your ear is a tube that is responsible for ear infections. The tube is called the Eustachian (Yoo-Stay-She-un) tube, which connects the nose to your ears. Another name for ear infections is Otitis Media. Otitis Media means Inflammation Middle. Inflammation means infection. Media means middle. When you have an ear infection you can't hear in one ear and that ear hurts. Ouch! Did you know kids Eustachian tubes are smaller than adult Eustachian tubes? It's true. Kids get more ear infections! Did you know 75% of kids get at least one ear infection before they are 3 years old? That's a lot of kids! Ear infections make fevers and pain in your ear.

THE EUSTACHIAN TUBE

In your ear there is a tube that every 10 seconds or when you swallow the Eustachian tube closes then opens again. If the Eustachian tube won't open or opens too much, chances are you might get an ear infection. The Eustachian tube stops working in ear infections. Do you know why it's bad? It's because it hurts your ear and you won't hear in the hurting ear.

Ear infections take a few weeks to go away. If you are young, the Eustachian tube is not strong enough to keep the germs away. When you have allergies or catch a cold the Eustachian tube stops working.

A doctor looking in a boys ear.(Takes place in China or Japan.)----->

Germs in your Ear

Did you know that if germs get in your ears it causes trouble? The ear divides into 3 parts. The parts are outer, inner, and middle. If germs takeover or bother your ear it's called a Swimmer's Ears. Also if germs are in your ear you might hear popping sounds in your ear. When you hear popping in your ear it might hurt. Ouch! You might have an ear infection with the popping sounds.

Cures and Prevention

There are many cures for ear infections such as taking antibiotics, ear drops, ear pain relievers, getting an audio gram, and a tympanogram. One way to prevent ear infections is to stay away from people that are smoking.

Quiz

- 1)How many cures did this article find? A: 5 B:7 C:8 D:6
- 2)Where does the Eustachian tube connect to? A:Your nose to you brain B:Your brain to your mouth C:Your nose to your ears D:Your ears to your eyes