

# Middle ear

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 529970

**Registration status:**

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/08/2014

**Definition:** The middle ear begins with the eardrum at the end of the ear canal. The middle ear contains three tiny bones, called the ossicles. These three bones form a connection from the eardrum to the inner ear. As sound waves hit the eardrum, the eardrum moves back and forth causing the ossicles to move. As a result, the sound wave is changed to a mechanical vibration.

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:** [Patient—middle ear condition indicator, yes/no code N](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014

[Patient—middle ear condition type](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 18/02/2015

[Patient—middle ear condition type, code N.N](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014

[Patient—middle ear condition type, text X\[X\(99\)\]](#)

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 11/08/2014