

Chronic otitis media

Identifying and definitional attributes

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- [Indigenous](#), Standard 05/12/2017

Definition: The term used to describe a variety of signs, symptoms, and physical findings that result from the long-term damage to the middle ear by infection and inflammation. This includes the following:

- severe retraction or perforation of the tympanic membrane (a hole in the tympanic membrane)
- scarring or erosion of the small, sound conducting bones of the middle ear
- chronic or recurring drainage from the ear
- inflammation causing erosion of the bony cover or the facial nerve, balance canals, or cochlea (hearing organ)
- erosion of the bony borders of the middle ear or mastoid, resulting in infection spreading to the meninges (the coverings of the brain) or brain
- presence of cholesteatoma
- persistence of fluid behind an intact tympanic membrane.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: University of Maryland Medical Center. Ear Infections 2017. Viewed 2 August 2017, <http://www.umm.edu/programs/hearing/services/ear-infections>

Relational attributes

Metadata items which use this glossary item: [Chronic otitis media type](#)

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