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| METEOR identifier: | 682003 |
| Registration status: | [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), 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.
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| Source and reference attributes |
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| Reference documents: | University of Maryland Medical Center. Ear Infections 2017. Viewed 2 August 2017, <http://www.umm.edu/programs/hearing/services/ear-infections> |
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