

Your online consultation request for
Ear problemSUBMITTED ON:
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PAUL,

The answers to your online GP consultation for ear problem are below.

Your practice will respond by phone, text or email **before on .**

Here are two important tips for ensuring you receive a response:

- A call from your practice may sometimes appear on your phone as "Blocked", "No caller ID" or "Private number"
- Check your junk email folder

If your doctor gives you a prescription, they will let you know where and when you can pick it up when they call you.

IMPORTANT: if your condition worsens or if you find the details you submitted are incorrect, please call the practice immediately on 01642 827697.

NOW WE JUST NEED TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF HELP YOU WOULD LIKE:

Please tell us in a few words how we can help.	You said: "I have been oiling both ears three times a day, as advised. 1 Every time I oil the right ear the pain in the right ear gets worse. 2 Now even when I take a shower the pain in the right ear gets worse. I have therefore suspended oiling the right ear. When I listen to the radio, after a few minutes I can hear less/need to turn up the volume and feel discomfort in the right ear. I would like to have my right ear examined at the practice."
Have you tried anything for this?	Yes
Please tell us what you have tried.	You said: "I have been oiling both ears three times a day, as advised. 1 Every time I oil the right ear the pain in the right ear gets worse. 2 Now even when I take a shower the pain in the right ear gets worse. I have therefore suspended oiling the right ear. When I listen to the radio, after a few minutes I can hear less/need to turn up the volume and feel discomfort in the right ear. I would like to have my right ear examined at the practice."
Is there any particular help you would like?	Yes
Please tell us what help you would like.	You said: "I have been oiling both ears three times a day, as advised. 1 Every time I oil the right ear the pain in the right ear gets worse. 2 Now even when I take a shower the pain in the right ear gets worse. I have therefore suspended oiling the right ear. When I listen to the radio, after a few minutes I can hear less/need to turn up the volume and feel discomfort in the right ear. I would like to have my right ear examined at the practice."
Would you like help from a particular person at the surgery? If the person that you requested is not available, another member of the team at the practice will contact you.	No

WE'LL NOW ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SYMPTOMS:

Please describe your symptoms.	You said: "I have been oiling both ears three times a day, as advised. 1 Every time I oil the right ear the pain in the right ear gets worse. 2 Now even when I take a shower the pain in the right ear gets worse. I have therefore suspended oiling the right ear. When I listen to the radio, after a few minutes I can hear less/need to turn up the volume and feel discomfort in the right ear. I would like to have my right ear examined at the practice."
Which ear(s) is affected?	Right
How long have you had this ear problem for?	3-6 weeks
Is your ear(s) painful?	Yes

Do you have any hearing loss?	Yes
Has this hearing loss come on suddenly within the last 3 days?	No
Do you have any ringing in your ear(s)?	Yes
Which ear(s) is affected?	Both
Do you have any discharge from your ear(s)?	No
Do you have any bleeding from your ear(s)?	No
Is your ear(s) itchy?	Yes
Do you have any dizziness?	No
Have you had a temperature of 38 degrees C (100.4 degrees F) or above during this illness?	No
Have you had any uncontrollable shivering?	No
Do you have a headache?	No
Do you have a stiff neck?	No
Does it hurt to look at bright lights?	No
Have you developed a new rash over the last 48 hours?	No
Is your ear(s) red or hot to touch?	No
Is your ear(s) swollen?	No
Do you have pain behind your ear(s)?	No
Do you have any swelling in front of your ear on the side of your face?	No
Do you have a blocked or runny nose?	No
Have you previously been diagnosed with an ear infection?	No
Do you have eczema, psoriasis or other skin problems?	No
Have you been swimming in the last 2 weeks?	No
Do you have toothache or tooth problems currently?	No
Do you have pain in your jaw?	No
Do you wear hearing aids?	No
Have you had any surgery to your ear(s) in the past 2 weeks?	No
<p>On the next screen you'll be able to upload photos related to your request. Uploading photos is optional.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that any photos you upload:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will be added to your clinical record and used for your clinical care, • may be seen by male or female practice staff, • should not be an intimate area (such as genitalia, anus, bottom or breasts), even if these are the problem area. 	Skip this
Is there anything else you would like to tell us that we have not asked?	No

JUST A FEW LAST QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR GENERAL HEALTH:

Do you drink alcohol?	No
Do you smoke?	No, I've never smoked
Do you have any allergies?	No
Have you or anyone in your household had COVID in the last 1 month?	No

What's the best way to respond to this request?

Phone call