Checklist for Ear pain



The student asks the following questions:

- For how long and where are you having pain (inside the ear or outside the ear)?
- Are you having itching or drainage from your ear?
- Do you have a runny nose, nasal congestion, headache, sore throat, cough, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, rashes, or fever?
- Do you have hearing loss, tinnitus, or dizziness?
- Did your symptoms start with an upper respiratory infection?
- Do you have a history of ear infections, sinusitis, or environmental allergies?
- How many ear infections have you had in the past year?
- Have you ever had ventilating tubes placed in your ears?
- Does anyone smoke in your house or at work?
- Do you have diabetes or any other medical problem?
- Do you use any medications?