

Pediatric Ear Infection - External

This is an infection of the outer ear canal. It happens often to swimmers since their ears often stay wet. Sometimes it happens with out swimming.

Follow these instructions to treat the infection:

- Give the child the medicine **exactly as prescribed**.
- Do not use cotton swabs to clean the ears. The ear canal will clean itself.

Call your doctor if the child has:

- Fever over 102 degrees, which does not get better with acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- Severe headache.
- Pain around the ear, which lasts more than 2 days.
- Increased swelling around the ear.
- Any new or severe symptoms.