

Earaches in infants

from the age of one year



Earaches are common in infants. Usually they are harmless and go away on their own after a few days.

How can you tell that your infant has earaches?

Your child may suffer from earaches if:

- it is increasingly touching or rubbing the ears.
- does not respond to some noises.
- repeatedly loses the balance.

At the same time as these complaints, your child may also:

- be irritated or restless or cry.
- have no appetite.
- have fever (above 38°C)

What can you do yourself if your infant has earaches?

- Leave your child's ears alone. Do not remove earwax, do not use cotton swabs and do not put anything else in your child's ear.
- Make sure that no water or shampoo runs into your infant's ear.

When to seek medical advice?

You should consult your family doctor or paediatrician if your infant:

- has earaches for more than three days.
- suffers from recurrent earaches.

When to seek medical advice immediately?

Seek urgent medical attention if you notice that your infant:

- has a very high temperature and trembles.
- has a swelling around the ear.
- is losing fluid from the ear.
- hearing is bad or the hearing has changed.
- has something stuck in the ear.
- is under 2 years old and has earaches in both ears.

Your family doctor's office has just closed?

It is usually sufficient to call during the next day's consultation hours.

**Are you unsure? Call us at ☎ 1450,
the health advice call centre.**

More information can be found at www.wobinichrichtig.at.



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