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## Foreign Body in Ear

Young children seem to enjoy putting foreign objects in their ear canals. Some common objects are erasers, beads, food, and cotton.

### First Aid

If a live insect is in your child's ear canal, take your child into a dark room and shine a light by the ear. The insect will often come out on its own. If this fails, call your doctor.

Make one simple attempt to remove any other objects. Turn down the side of the head where the ear with the object is. Wiggle the earlobe and gently shake the head at the same time and try to get the object to fall out with the help of gravity. If this fails, call your doctor. Do not irrigate the ear canal with water of any kind.

NOTE: **DO NOT** try to remove the object by putting tweezers, fingers, or any other device into the ear canal. This almost always pushes the object in farther and makes removal by the physician very difficult. Watch your child closely to make sure that he doesn't push the object in.

### Call Your Child's Health Care Provider Immediately If:

- Your child has a foreign body in the ear canal AND these measures don't remove it.

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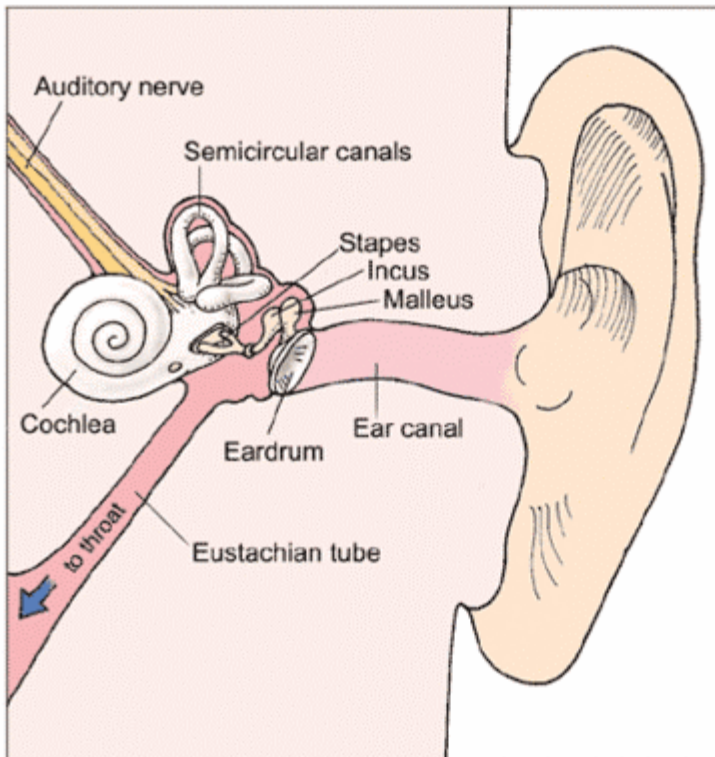
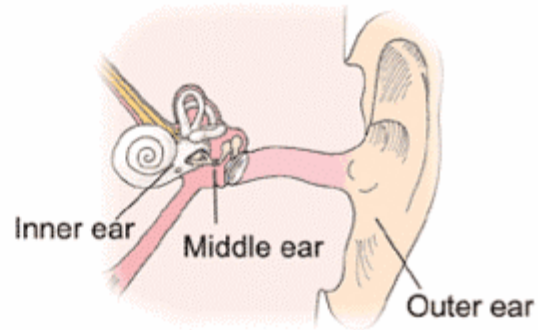
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