

Microsuction

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What is Microsuction ?

Microsuction is a safe and painless way of removing excessive or troublesome wax without water. When using this technique, the audiologist uses a microscope to get a clear view of the ear canal and ear drum. The suction device is then used to remove wax. It takes very little time to complete a microsuction procedure.

WHY IS EAR WAX PRODUCED BY THE BODY?

Ear wax, also known as cerumen, is a normal and healthy lubricant formed by the body. It is created to protect the ear and has antibacterial properties. Most of the time, ear canals clean themselves: ear wax slowly migrates away from the eardrum and out of the ear canal. Sometimes, ear wax can build up and cause pain and in some cases, this can lead to other health complications.

WHERE DOES EAR WAX COME FROM?

Ear wax is produced by two types of glands: sebaceous and apocrine sweat. When the wax mixes with the dead skin cells, loose hair follicles or dust it naturally sweeps debris out of the ear. Due to its slightly acidic pH balance, this helps to keep bacteria, fungi and insects out of the ears.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU GET EAR WAX REMOVED?

The frequency of ear wax removal varies by individual, as some people produce more ear wax than others. Our team of qualified and experienced audiologists, who are HCPC registered, in store can advise on an individual basis and carry out the service. Ear wax should only be removed when enough symptoms accumulate to warrant a proper cleaning.

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

- Pain, feeling of plugging, or fullness in the ear
 - Partial hearing loss
 - Itching, foul odour, or discharge in the ear
 - Extreme coughing
 - Tinnitus (ringing or other noises in the ear)
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