

MIDDLE EAR ABNORMALITIES

(Otitis Media; Serous Otitis Media; Eardrum Abnormalities; Tympanic Membrane Perforation; Myringotomy; Ear Tubes; PE Tubes; Eustachian Tube Dysfunction)

All Classes
(Updated 01/31/2024)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p>A. Myringotomy, Ear tubes, Tympanostomy tubes, Pressure equalizing tubes (PE tubes)</p> <p>(single or bilateral)</p> <p>No matter how many sets</p>	<p>If the AME can determine the condition is under control and no symptoms that would interfere with flight or safety-related duties:</p> <p>Note: There is no mandatory recovery period after PE tubes are placed other than wait time for General anesthesia (if used).</p>	<p>ISSUE</p> <p>Annotate this information in Block 60</p>
<p>B. RESOLVED Otitis media/ ear infection</p> <p>Tympanic membrane perforation (dry)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Serous Otitis Media</p>	<p>If the AME can determine the condition has resolved without sequelae or no symptoms or current problems that would interfere with flight duties</p> <p>AND</p> <p>The individual can pass any of the acceptable hearing tests:</p>	<p>ISSUE</p> <p>Annotate this information in Block 60</p>
<p>C. ALL OTHERS</p> <p>Active acute Otitis Media/ear infection</p> <p>Chronic Otitis Media</p> <p>Chronic tympanic membrane perforation</p> <p>Eustachian Tube Dysfunction (ETD)</p> <p>Recurrent Acute Otitis Media</p> <p>Wet tympanic membrane perforation</p> <p>Any of the above with associated pathology</p>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <p>1. A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with the otolaryngologist (ENT) or PCP no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. It must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed summary of the history of the condition; • Current medications, dosage, and side effects (if any); • Physical exam findings; • Results of any testing performed; • Diagnosis; • Assessment and plan (prognosis); and • Follow-up. 	<p>DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p>