

OUTER EAR ABNORMALITIES

(Cerumen Impaction, Otitis Externa, Microtia)

All Classes

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DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
A. Impacted cerumen not affecting hearing OR Otitis Externa (resolved) or not affect flying/safety-related duties	If the AME can determine the condition has no symptoms or current problems that would interfere with flight duties AND The individual can pass any of the acceptable hearing tests:	<div style="background-color: green; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">ISSUE</div> Annotate this information in Block 60.
B. With complications OR Incapacitating OR Affecting hearing (Unable to pass any of the acceptable hearing tests or the AME has concerns)	Submit the following for FAA review: 1. A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with the treating ear, nose, and throat (ENT) physician no more than 90 days before the AME exam. It must include: <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. 2. All audiograms already performed.	<div style="background-color: red; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">DEFER</div> Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance.
C. Outer ear/external pinna abnormality (such as Microtia)	The AME should look closely at the affected ear for other visible signs of pathology such as pre auricular pits or brachial cleft cyst or other evidence of a syndromic nature. If the AME can determine the condition has no symptoms or current problems that would interfere with flight duties AND The individual can pass any of the acceptable hearing tests:	<div style="background-color: green; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">ISSUE</div> Annotate this information in Block 60. Note: If the applicant is unable to pass any of the acceptable hearing tests or the AME has concerns, the AME should annotate this in Block 60 and DEFER