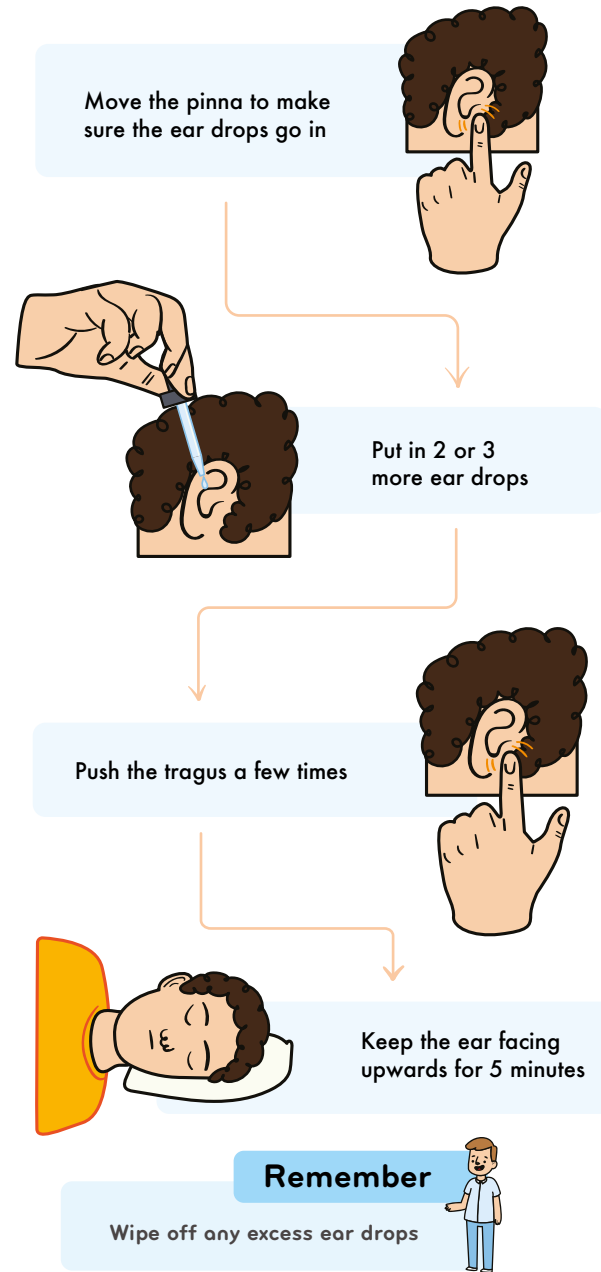
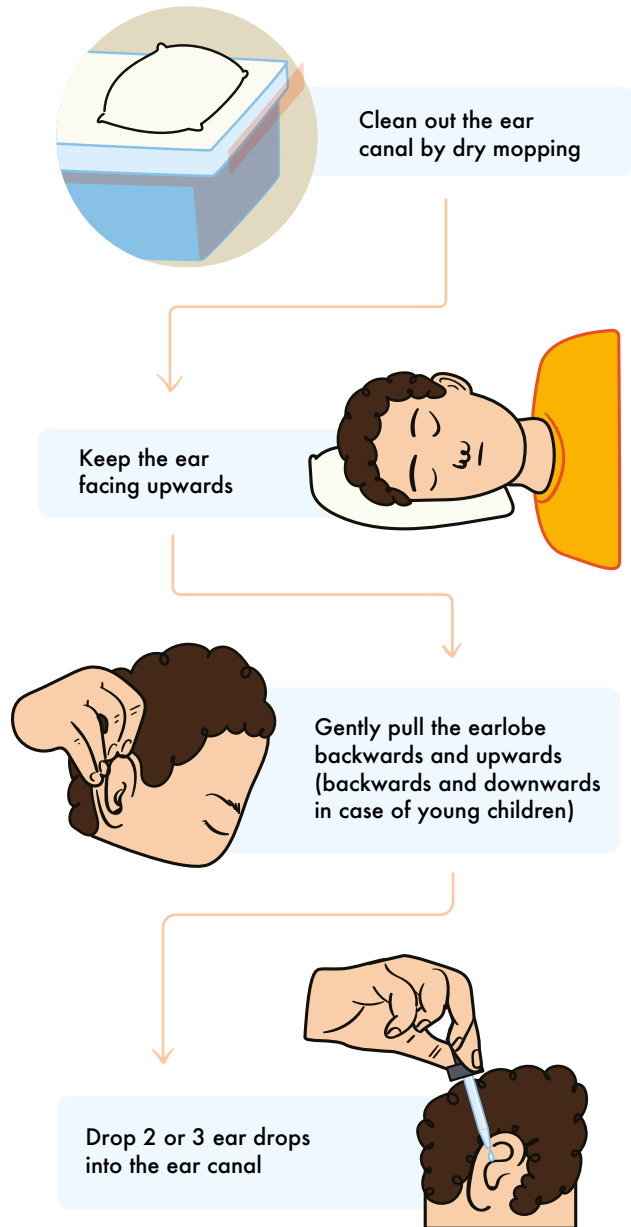
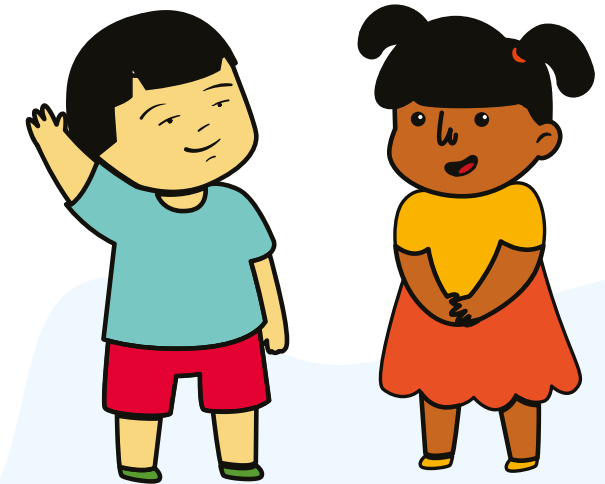


### Step 3

Use ear drops properly, if prescribed



## DISCHARGING EARS



## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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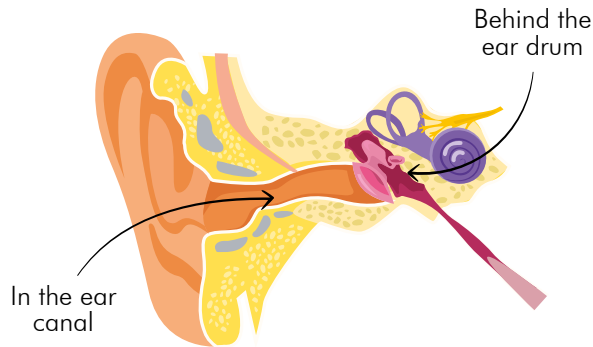
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## What causes ear discharge?

Ear discharge can be caused by infection which is



## Is ear infection serious?

Ear infections can be serious and if untreated can lead to:

- ✓ Hearing loss
- ✓ Hole in the ear drum
- ✓ Swelling behind the ear
- ✓ Infection in the brain
- ✓ Paralysis of the face

## Can ear infection be treated?

Yes. Ear infections can be treated with medicines or surgery.

## My child has ear discharge. What should I do?

Seek and follow the advice of a health worker or doctor

Care for a discharging ear by following three steps

### Step 1

Protect the ear from water when bathing/showering



Soak a piece of cotton with oil



Squeeze



Plug it into the ear canal  
Don't push it deep inside



Remove after bathing/showering

### Step 2

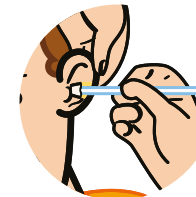
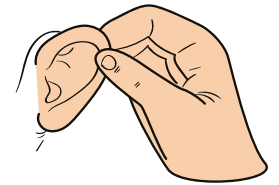
Clean the ear with a wick

Take a piece of soft, strong tissue paper



Roll it into a pointed shape

Gently pull the pinna away from the head



Place the wick into the ear canal

Leave it in for a minute to absorb any discharge



Remove the wet wick and inspect it

If there is discharge on it replace with a clean wick



### Remember

Repeat until the wick stays dry