

Consent for Cerumen Removal by an Audiologist

- Patient Understands that:
 - The presence of cerumen (ear wax) may:
 - Prevent adequate access to the ear canal for audiological care and may make it difficult to realize the full benefit from hearing devices.
 - Increase the risk of infection in the ear.
 - Every precaution possible will be undertaken to avoid discomfort, or adverse results.
 - Removal of the cerumen may entail using drops to soften the cerumen to aid in the extraction by use of professional equipment, such as suction or water rinse.
 - Risks to cerumen removal include, but are not limited to:
 - Injury to the ear canal.
 - Perforation of the eardrum (causing a hole, or rupture of the eardrum).
 - Worsening/aggravation of chronic problems related to presence of fluid in the middle ear.
 - Possible damage to the small bones of the middle ear.
 - Failure to remove the blockage.
- Your Audiologist has identified any conditions which may increase a risk of cerumen management:
 - Tympanic Membrane perforation (Existing Hole in the eardrum), per case history
 - Myringotomy, or pressure equalization tubes placed by an ENT, per case history
 - Diabetes Mellitus
 - Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).
 - History of ear infection (outer or middle ear), ear surgery, or temporal bone fracture.
 - Aural drainage
 - Use of blood thinners.
 - Dizziness/Vertigo
 - Tinnitus (aka: ringing in your ears)
 - None of the above.

_____ I consent to the procedure of Cerumen Removal by an audiologist and understand that this procedure is NOT covered by insurance through my audiologist, and it has been explained that it is a covered charge if I choose to go to my PCP, or an ENT.

Estimated cost:

- basic removal using stainless steel tools \$65/ear
- use of cerumen sorting drops and flushing \$80/ear
- use of suction \$90/ear

Patient

Date