



EARACHES

Earaches in children are very common and can be very painful. The pain can be felt in the ear or around the ear.

Most common Earaches can come from:

- An ear infection
- Swimmers Ear
- A recent injury to the ear
- Earwax
- Changes in air pressure

When your child is experiencing pain they may:

- Pull at their ear
- Cry more often than usual or seem very irritated
- Have ear drainage
- Have some hearing loss
- Have a fever

When should I take my child to the Doctor?

- If your child has a fever
- The ear pain gets worse
- You see pus or blood draining from the ear
- The ear is swollen or has redness behind the ear

How do I treat my child's aching ear?

Call your child's doctor when their pain starts. The pain can be treated with pain medicines like acetaminophen or ibuprofen. You can also try a warm towel over the ear.

Your child's doctor will check your child's ears to see if there is an infection causing the pain. If there is an infection present, the doctor may recommend antibiotics. Your child's doctor may also prescribe antibiotic drops that may contain medicine for pain. Make sure your child finishes all antibiotics as prescribed.