

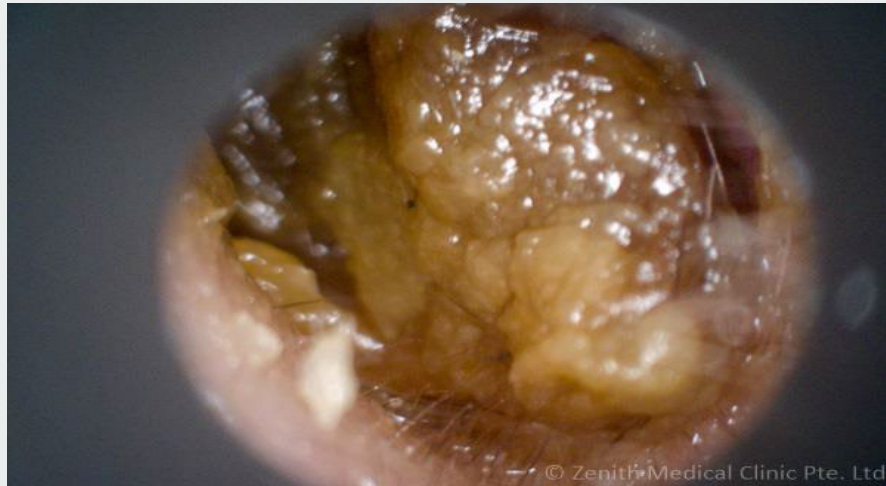
# Ear Syringing



- Usually effective and safe but....
- Who should not have their ears syringed?
- What do you need to do before syringing an ear?
- How should it be done?
- 1 in 5 medico legal cases involving GPs are related to ear syringing

# Ear Wax

- This will be an easy syringe



# Cotton wool tips/bobby pins/pharmacy endorsed ear wax tools



The enemy to ears...heaps of patients use these

- compacted wax
- Otitis externa
- FB
- Ruptured drum

# Skin conditions affect ears too



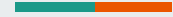
- Dermatitis and psoriasis are common
  - contribute to excessive wax production
  - contribute otitis externa
  - How to treat?

# psoriasis



Psoriasis in ears

# Otitis externa



# Otitis externa



- How can I tell if it's otitis externa?
- Should I syringe out the muck? What can I do instead?
- How can I treat this?
- What should I do if it's not getting better? What might I be dealing with?

# Cholesteatoma - look up and live





# Ear micro-toiletting



- Who needs it?
- What is it?
- The pros and cons

## Hearing tests and tympanograms



Very useful in general practice and readily available.

2 types of hearing loss

#SNL no treatment aiding only

#Conductive may well be treatable

Sudden unilateral hearing loss with no obv cause - medical emergency - call ENT

Tympanogram - tells you a lot about middle ear function

Don't ignore the audiologists comments