

Examination Tips
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Be prepared...

- Appropriate dress
- Pen
- Head light
- Hand gel

Ear Examination

- Read or listen to the scenario carefully...
- Confirm what is needed from you...
- Systematic approach...

Inspection – preauricular region



Inspection – postaural region



Inspection – hidden abutment!!



Inspection – my lucky day...



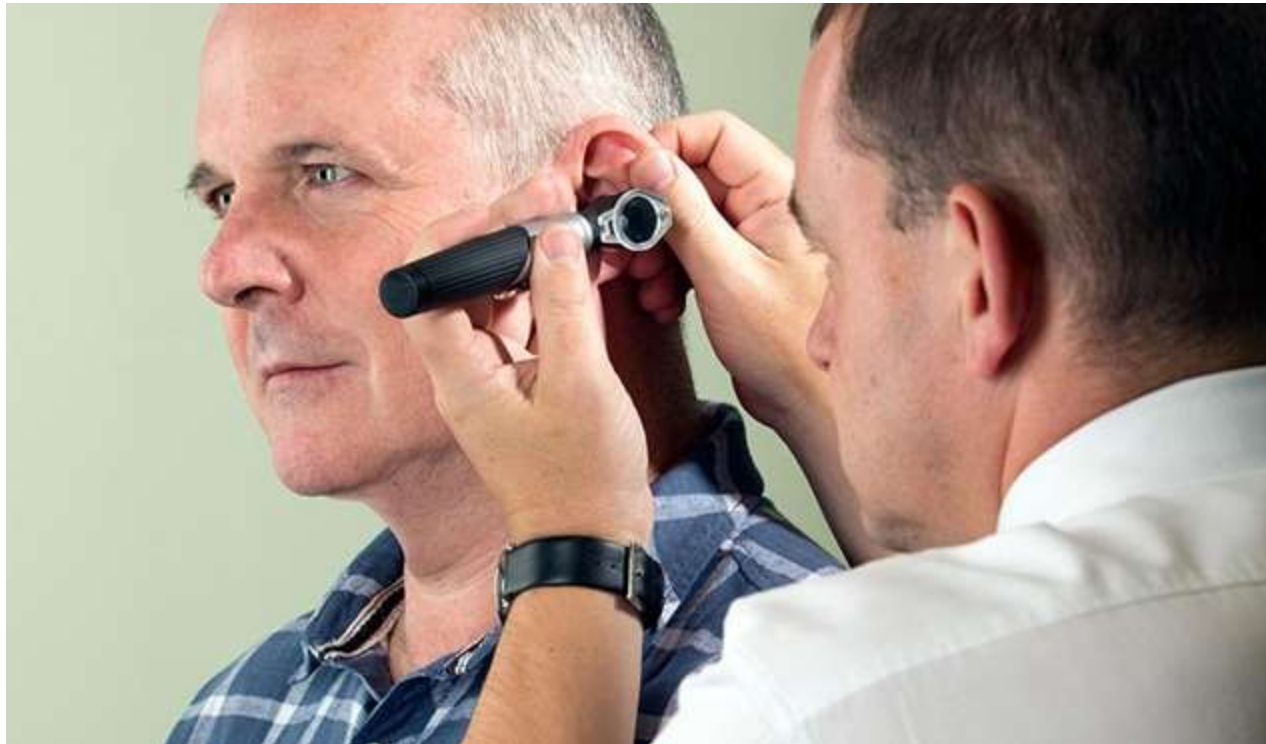
Inspection – not so lucky...



Otoscopy



"WHEN A DOCTOR LOOKS IN YOUR EAR WITH THAT POINTY THING—WHAT'S HE'S LOOKING FOR, ..?"



Make sure the patient is not distressed...



Explain to the patient..



"Now relax and the Doctor will begin your hearing test in just a moment."

Find this on the table.. do it...



Whisper test... practice it...



Don't forget...



Crease up the forehead



Keep eyes closed against resistance



Reveal the teeth



Puff out the cheeks

Other things..

- Fistula test
- Assess for nystagmus
- Don't forget the other ear!!!
- Embryology for common pathologies (rare)

Neck Examination

- Read or listen to the scenario carefully...
- Confirm what is needed from you...
- Systematic approach...

Inspection – keep talking..



Inspection – look around...



Palpation – finalise your method



Don't miss



Look for...



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Remember...

- Second pathologies
- Scars from loco-regional flaps



Good luck...

