

NIPAWIN HOSPITAL

OTITIS MEDIA

DESCRIPTION:

An ear infection usually follows a cold and it is easy to mistake one for the other, because they share many of the same symptoms. Some of the symptoms are:

- High fever
- Loss of appetite
- Lack of energy

Ear infections are caused by bacteria so can be treated with antibiotics.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Encourage extra fluids.
- Encourage rest periods throughout the day.
- Contact physician:
 - If pain in affected ear increases or reoccurs
 - Drainage is seen
 - A high fever over 39°C (102°F) in spite of treatment
 - Excessive sleepiness
 - A skin rash
 - Rapid or difficult breathing
 - Hearing loss
- Remember take all antibiotics that have been prescribed. They take 24 - 48 hours to work.