HEALTHY HEARING
GUIDELINES FOR FOLLOW-UP
RECOMMENDATIONS

✓ **Otoscopy:** “Partially Blocked” or “Blocked” ear canals in one or both ears → referral ear wax removal = “Cerumen Removal”

✓ **Otoscopy:** “Medical evaluation of ears needed for extra otoscopic findings” checked by Healthy Hearing Clinical Director / Medical Doctor in one or both ears (after visualisation of an acute problem in the ear canal or at the ear drum) → referral for possible ear problem = “Medical Evaluation of Ears”

✓ **OAE:** “No Pass” in one or both ears → no referral → recommendation will depend on results on pure tone audiometry

✓ **Tympanometry:** “No Pass” in one or both ears (no normal type A-tympanogram OR abnormal small or abnormal big ear canal volume OR type B-tympanogram) → referral for possible middle ear problems (unless no other referral is necessary) = “Medical Evaluation of Ears”

✓ **Pure Tone Audiometry:** “No Pass” on pure tone audiometry in one or both ears (response > 25dBL at 2000 and/or 4000Hz) → referral to rule out hearing loss = “Audiological Evaluation of Hearing”

**BUT, to avoid over-referral:**

✓ If the only “No Pass” is on tympanometry, no referral is made, unless the Lead Audiologist or Medical Doctor decides that it is necessary.

✓ If there is a “No Pass” on pure tone audiometry for 1 or 2 test frequencies at 30dBHL (instead of 25dBHL), no referral for possible hearing loss is needed, unless the Lead Audiologist decides it is necessary.