

# 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 > 25dBHL 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.

