

## **Special Sense 2 (ENT)**

### **Student Instructions**

#### **Special senses 2 – Dermatology/ENT**

You are the FY2 in General Practice. Tony Briggs, 27, has come to see you about his Ear Pain. A clinical photo is provided which you can refer to in the reading time.

You will be asked to:

0-8 minutes

- Take a history from the simulator (5 minutes)
- Describe the physical findings in the image and summarise the case to the examiner and discuss your diagnosis and any differentials (3 minutes)

8 – 10 minutes

- Answer questions from the examiner (2 minutes)

## Special Sense 2 (ENT) Patient Instructions

- Patient Diagnosis: *Otitis Externa*
- Instructions for patient: Scratch inside of left ear
  
- Patient history:
  - *PC: Painful left ear*
  - *HPC*
    - *Present for 7 days*
    - *4/10 in severity*
    - *Present constantly*
    - *No triggers or exacerbating factors*
    - *Seen previously by GP, Acetic acid spray failed to relieve symptoms*
  - *Other symptoms*
    - *Itchy*
    - *Occasional discharge- non-bloody, "sticky"*
  - *Systems review*
    - *No blood, hearing impairment, headache, tinnitus*
    - *No weight loss, changes to taste or smell*
  - *PMHx*
    - *Recall having multiple ear infections in childhood*
    - *Had Grommets at age 7*
  - *Drug Hx + Allergies: Paracetamol helps, No allergies*
  - *Family Hx: None*
  - *Social Hx: Professional swimmer, Social smoker, Drinks occasionally*
  - *ICE*
    - *Ideas: Infection*
    - *Concerns: Worried about if due to excessive use of Q-tips*
    - *Expectations: Expecting to be told nothing serious*



Image taken from Medscape

## Special Sense 2 (ENT) Examiner Marksheet

Marking Criteria	Tick ()
1. Introduction	
2. Professional attitude and patient friendly manner maintained throughout the history	
3. HPC	
4. PC	
5. Other relevant symptoms + appropriate systems review	
6. PMHx	
7. DHx + Allergies	
8. FHx	
9. SHx	
10. ICE	
11. Correct interpretation of photo	
12. Reasonable differentials suggested with sound logic	
13. Examiner Questions	

**Question 1: What is your most likely diagnosis**

**Otitis Externa**

**Question 2: How would you manage this patient?**

**Topical Steroid-Antibiotic drops (e.g Gentamix)**

**Question 3: What advice would you offer about returning to employment? (Swimmer)**

**Keep dry for 7-10 days**

**Global Impression:**

- Excellent
- Good
- Pass
- Borderline
- Fail

**Patient Impression/comments:**