Nursing Ear Assessment

Patient Information
Patient Name:
Date of Birth:
Medical Record Number:
Date of Assessment:
Allergies:
Current Medications:
Patient History
Previous ear surgeries:
History of ear infections:
Hearing loss history:
Exposure to loud noises:
Use of hearing aids:
Family history of ear diseases:
Recent upper respiratory infections:
Other relevant history:
General Observations
Signs of distress: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Details:

Patient's verbal communication: Clear Impaired
Details:
Patient's ability to follow instructions: Good Impaired
Details:
Ear Pain Assessment
Ear pain: None Mild Moderate Severe
Details:
Pain onset:
Pain duration:
Pain description:
Factors aggravating pain:
Factors relieving pain:
Associated symptoms:
Inspection of External Ear
Skin Integrity: Normal Abnormal
Details:
Presence of erythema: Yes No
Details:
Lesions or lumps: Yes No
Details:
Swelling: No
Details:
Drainage: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Details:
Cerumen accumulation: Yes No

Details:
Post auricular area: Normal Abnormal
Details:
Mastoid process: Normal Abnormal
Details:
Palpation of External Ear
Tenderness: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Location:
Mass palpable: Yes No
Location & Size:
Warmth: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Details:
Crepitus: Yes No
Details:
Other abnormalities:
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Otoscopic Examination
Right Ear – External canal: Normal Abnormal
Details:
Right Ear – Tympanic membrane appearance:
Right Ear – Color of Tympanic membrane:
Right Ear – Tympanic membrane mobility:
Right Ear - Presence of scars or perforations: Yes No
Details:
Right Ear - Fluid or pus: None Present
Details:
Left Ear - External canal: Normal Abnormal
Details:

Left Ear – Tympanic membrane appearance:
Left Ear – Color of Tympanic membrane:
Left Ear – Tympanic membrane mobility:
Left Ear - Presence of scars or perforations: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Details:
Left Ear - Fluid or pus: ☐ None ☐ Present
Details:
Hearing Assessment
Audiometry test results:
Whisper test: ☐ Right Ear ☐ Left Ear ☐ Both
Results:
Weber test: ☐ Lateralization to Right Ear ☐ Lateralization to Left Ear ☐ None
Results:
Right Ear – Rinne test: AC > BC BC > AC
Results:
Left Ear – Rinne test: ☐ AC > BC ☐ BC > AC
Results:
Other hearing tests:
Patient's self-assessment of hearing:

Additional Observations and Comments
Signature
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Nurse Name:
Date:

Note: This document is a tool for healthcare professionals and should be used in accordance with hospital policies and procedures. All assessments must be carried out by a qualified nurse or healthcare provider.