



## Microsuction Wax Removal Consent

The purpose of micro suction is to safely remove any wax or foreign bodies present within the ear canal. To ensure this process is safely carried out it is important that the clinician is made aware of anything which may have a bearing on the procedure.

Please answer these questions regarding your ear health, by ticking the relevant boxes:

- Do you suffer from any condition that causes balance problems or vertigo attacks? Yes  No
- If Yes, have you had a vertigo attack within the last 30 days? Yes  No
- Have you suffered from any pain in your ears within the last 30 days? Yes  No
- Are you aware if you have a perforated ear drum? Yes  No
- If "Yes", which ear? Left  Right  How long ago did this occur? ..... Year(s) ..... Month(s)
- Have you tried to soften or remove the wax yourself other than using drops? Yes  No
- Have you had any surgical operations on your ears, nose or throat? Yes  No
- If "Yes", which ear?                      How long ago? .....Year(s) ..... Month(s)
- Are you currently under an ENT Consultant or receiving any treatment regarding your ears? Yes  No
- Are you using anticoagulants, e.g. Warfarin? Yes  No
- Are you aware of any reason as to why you should not proceed with micro suction? Yes  No
- Have you had wax removed from your ears previously? Yes  No

Ear wax removal via micro suction is considered safer than other methods such as syringing. The procedure will be performed by a qualified CPD trained clinician following guidelines written by The British Society of Audiology. Complications of ear wax removal with micro suction are uncommon; however possible complications, side-effects and material risks inherent in the procedure include but are not limited to: incomplete removal of ear wax requiring a return visit (for severely impacted wax), minor bleeding, discomfort, ringing in the ear (tinnitus), perforation of the ear drum and hearing loss.

To ensure the risk of complication is minimal, it is essential that accurate past medical history is supplied to the clinicians. In addition, it is important that the patient remains relatively still during the procedure as sudden movement may significantly increase the risk of ear drum perforation, permanent hearing loss and/or bleeding. The CE marked suction unit is to remove fluids from the airway or respiratory support system and infectious materials from wounds and has been adapted for aural micro suction.

By agreeing to these terms and conditions you accept that you have read and understand the possible complications that may occur and agree that the SmartEarwax clinical ear care specialist carrying out today's procedure cannot be held responsible for them. These records shall be kept for a minimum of 7 Years as recommended by BSHAA.

I have read and understood the terms and conditions detailed in this consent form and am willing to be bound by them.

Name:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Patient/Guardian Signature:.....

GP Practice:.....

Date:.....