SmartEarwax

MICROSUCTION SERVICE

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, please review your health history below.
Please tick the appropriate boxes to answer each question:

1. 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**
2. Have you suffered from any pain in your ears within the last 30 days?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
3. Are you aware if you have a perforated ear drum?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
4. Have you tried to soften or remove the wax yourself other than using drops?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
5. Have you had any surgical operations on your ears, nose or throat?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
6. Are you currently under an ENT Consultant or receiving any treatment regarding your ears?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
7. Are you using anticoagulants, e.g. Warfarin?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
8. Are you aware of any reason as to why you should not proceed with micro suction?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**
9. Have you had wax removed from your ears previously?	☐ **Yes**	☐ **No**

Ear wax removal via micro suction is considered safer than older methods such as syringing. The procedure will be performed by a qualified CPD trained technician 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 requiring a return visit (for severely impacted wax), minor bleeding, discomfort, transient or permanent ringing in the ear (tinnitus), localized hyperacusis, infection (otitis externa), perforation of the ear drum, and temporary or permanent hearing loss.

To ensure the risk of complication is minimal, it is essential that accurate past medical history is supplied to the technicians. 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 or UKCA marked suction unit is utilized to safely remove cerumen and debris under direct microscopic or endoscopic visualization.

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 technician carrying out today's procedure cannot be held responsible for risks disclosed and accepted, barring clinical negligence. In compliance with clinical governance and legal record-keeping requirements, these records shall be kept securely for a minimum of 7 years (or until age of majority for minors) as recommended by professional standards and BSHAA guidelines.

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

Full Name (Print):	**GP Practice:**
Date of Birth:	**Date:**
Patient / Guardian Signature:	**Technician Signature:**