

Candidate outcomes	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Committee
	Patient	Professional	Patient	Professional	Patient	Professional	
The number/frequency of visits to ENT or the GP	+	+					+
The need for pain relief	+	+					+
The need for antibiotics	+	+					+
Improvements in itchiness in the ear	+	+					+
Improvements in hearing impairment	+	+					+
Improvements in ear pain (otalgia)	+	+					+
Improvements in ear canal swelling (oedema)	+	+					+
Improvements in ear canal redness (erythema)	+	+					+
Improvements in discharge from the ear (otorrhoea)	+	+					+
Spread of infection beyond the ear canal	+	+					+
If patients were compliant with the treatment	+	+					+
If patients completed the course of treatment	+	+					+
The number of times the treatment is administered	+	+					+
The need for overnight or in-hospital care	?	+	+				+
The ease of applying the treatment	?	?	+	+			+
Results of bacterial or fungal growth on an ear swab	?	?	+	+			+
Patient satisfaction with their access to appropriate care (for diagnosis & treatment)	+	?		+			+
Patient satisfaction with the required frequency of the treatments	+	?		+			+
Patient satisfaction with the length of their symptoms	+	?		+			+
Patient satisfaction with length of treatment, including number of visits to specialist services (ENT)	+	?		+			+
Improvements in any pain on pressing just in front of the ear canal (tragal tenderness)	+	?		+			+
Widespread (systemic) side effects of treatments	?	+	+				+
Time off work	+	?		+			+
Local side effects of treatments	?	+	+				+
Impact on quality of life	+	?		+			+
Time to resolution of symptoms			+	+			+
Improvements in reactive over-healing in the ear canal (granulations)	?	+	?		+	+	+
Widespread (systemic) side effects of pain relief	?	?	?	?	+	+	+
Impact on the ability to work	?	?	+	?	+	+	+
Impact on sleep	+	?		?	+	+	+
Patient satisfaction with the time required for outpatient appointments	+	?		?	?	?	-
Improvements in the feeling of anxiety	?	?	?	?	?	?	-
Improvements in jaw pain	?	?	?	?	?	?	-
Improvements in odour relating to the ear	?	?	+	?	?	+	-
Improvements in a feeling of generalised weakness	?	?	?	?	?	?	-
Improvements in a feeling of fullness in the ear (aural fullness)	+	?		?	?	?	-
Improvement in the ability to concentrate	?	?	?	-	?	-	-
Impact on the ability to socialise	?	?	+	?	?	?	-
Impact on mental health	?	?	?	?	?	?	-
Impact on hours of bed rest	?	?	?	?	?	?	-
Impact on activities of daily living or performing household tasks	+	?		?	?	?	-
Impact on ability to care for the family	?	?	?	?	?	?	-
Death during treatment	?	?	?	?	+	?	-