

**Standard of Care - EARS**

**Consult template = EAR CONSULT**

**Bill – History – Template (on R side) – click in Search – Ear Consult**

**Look at outside of ear**

- Is it moist or not
- Are there signs of clinical irritation or not

**If possible use otoscope to examine the ear – look for wax, foreign body, degree of moistness**

**If you seriously suspect FB and dog is too sore to review, book in for sedation and reassessment.**

**INVOICE**

- Consult
- Sedation
- Surgery minor per minute

**Nurses can undertake cytology and sometimes sample collection for 2<sup>nd</sup> or subsequent samples (only after you have determined no FB).**

**On consult records, also comment on dogs attitude for procedure e.g did you need a muzzle.**

**Once you are confident there are no foreign bodies, take a swab**

- Review under microscope

**Yeasts or Bacteria - Treatment options **Is eardrum intact? This will dictate medication prescription****

If uncertain and NOT VERY MOIST

- Epiotic/otoflush BID
- Recheck 5 days to further assess cleaned ear

IF MOIST AND EARDRUM NOT INTACT

- Baytril Otic SID
- Recheck 7 days

If VERY MOIST also use oral antibiotics

- Dermotic, topigen, otoease BID and Recheck 7 days

**IF signs of chronic irritation – injection triamolone (dose on bottle) and to use ear cleaner and recheck 7 days**

**INVOICING**

**Use Ear + Cytology template**

**IF SEDATION – Use Minor Sx (<10min) invoicing template**

**BIIN**

Recheck at either 5 or 7 days depending on treatment plan

**NURSE PHONE CALL:** 2 days to check if O able to administer medication

**REVISIT**

- Nurse to check the site for inflammation/irritation.
- Vet to check inner ear prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> cytology
- Take another cytology sample (no cost to client)
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