

Invitation

Date

20 October 2026

Time

Login 6.55pm for 7.00pm start to 8.30pm (AEDT)

Target audience

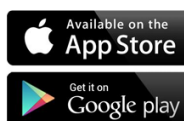
"Otitis Media is everyone's business" Rachel Mills

This GP and GP Registrar accredited virtual education session warmly welcomes all health professionals with an interest in this topic, including **Nurses, Aboriginal Health Practitioners, Aboriginal Health Workers, Aboriginal Health Trainees, Pharmacists, Allied Health Professionals, and Health Students.**

Workshop material & device requirements

To fully participate in practical activities, please bring:

- **Tissues** (for the tissue ear spear demo)
- A **smartphone or tablet** with the **Otitis Media Guidelines App** installed:



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Accreditation



Activity Reference: 1636532

Format



Zoom (this event is being recorded)

Event footage and recording

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Otitis media: Working together to improve local paediatric hearing outcomes

"Kids' ears – Worth caring for"

Presenter

Dr Hayder Ridha, Ear Nose Throat Specialist

Supported by

Jenny Cudmore, Assistant Principal, Teacher of the Deaf, Dept of Education (DoE)

Rachel Mills, Teacher of the Deaf for Conductive Hearing Loss, DoE

Michaela McGuinness, Project Manager/Screeners, Hear Our Heart Bus

Shar Simpson, Admin/Screeners, Hear Our Heart Bus

Webinar facilitator

Donna Stanley, Executive Manager Aboriginal Health & Wellbeing, Western NSW Primary Health Network

Otitis Media (OM) is one of the most common childhood health conditions and can significantly impact hearing, speech, language development, learning and wellbeing if not identified and managed early. This webinar will explore common OM presentations, evidence-based diagnosis and management, referral pathways, and the health and education support services available to children and families across rural and remote Western NSW.

*This webinar will provide GPs with practical guidance to support early diagnosis, treatment and referral. Dr Hayder Ridha will also demonstrate the **Otitis Media Guidelines App**, a step-by-step clinical tool to assist with the assessment, diagnosis and management of OM in everyday practice.*

Program

6.55pm Login

7.00pm Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country & Introductions (Donna)

7.05pm Didactic OM education session with Dr Ridha, including:

- *Interactive Otitis Media Guidelines App* demonstration
- OM management tips & short demo of useful ear health equipment

8.05pm Q&A and Open Discussion with Dr Ridha (facilitated by Donna)

8.15pm Teacher of the Deaf Service Referrals (Jenny & Rachel)

8.20pm Hear Our Heart Ear Bus – Hearing Test Referrals (Michaela & Shar)

8.25pm Quick 'Wrap up' Q&A session

8.30pm Evaluation and close

(Note: If there is a high level of engagement, this session may go overtime)

Learning Outcomes

- **Identify** common presentations, risk factors and potential impacts of Otitis Media (OM) in children
- **Discuss** evidence-based approaches to the diagnosis and management of OM in general practice
- **Describe** appropriate referral pathways and local support services available to children and families affected by OM
- **Utilise** the *Otitis Media Guidelines App* to support clinical decision-making, management and timely referral in everyday practice

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