

Chime Microsuction Ear Wax Removal Service

What is "Microsuction"?

"Microsuction" is one of the safest ear wax removal methods available to clean the ears. In order to carry out "microsuction", the audiologist uses a microscope and an extra strong light mounted on a headpiece. This equipment magnifies the ear canal for the audiologist and makes it easier to assess and to treat the ear appropriately.

A gentle suction device is then used to clean the ear without the use of any water.

The suction device works in a similar way to a miniature vacuum cleaner and, although it can be quite noisy, the treatment is usually quick and painless.

Who can avail of Microsuction?

Microsuction can be carried out on most people who need ear wax removed from their ear canals. It is especially good for people who have been advised by GPs or ENTs that they should not get water in their ears, which may happen using other form of wax removal.





Examples of people who may need to use Microsuction as a preferred method of ear wax removal:

- A person who has experienced any serious complications from previous syringing
- A person who has had a middle ear infection (otitis media) in the last 3 months
- A person who has had any form of ear surgery in the last two years and is now no longer attending their ENT
- A person who has a hole in their ear drum (perforation)
- A person who has a history of thick or mucous discharge from their ear
- A person who has a painful ear infection

Microsuction usually takes approximately 30 minutes, allowing one hour for the full consultation with the audiologist.

Before your appointment

It is recommended you use a wax softening spray, such as Earol or olive oil, for two nights ahead of your wax removal appointment. This will soften any wax and ensure that the audiologist has a better chance of removing all of the wax on the first visit. Earol is available to purchase in all Chime Resource Centres and on our online shop. It costs €5.

Consent Forms

You will need to fill in a <u>CONSENT FORM</u> before your appointment. This will be provided on your arrival to the clinic.

How much does Microsuction cost?

Microsuction at Chime costs €50. If a second appointment is required, there will be no further charge.

Contact details for all Chime locations can be found in the contact us section of our website.

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