

## Otorrhoea “extras”

Table 1

CHARACTERISTICS OF OTORRHOEA IN RELATION TO AETIOLOGY

OTORRHOEA	AETIOLOGY
Watery	dermatitis of EAC csf
Purulent	acute otitis externa furunculosis
Mucoid	chronic suppurative otitis media + perforation
Mucopurulent / bloody	trauma acute otitis media carcinoma
Foul smelling	chronic suppurative otitis media + cholesteatoma

Table 2

CAUSES & TREATMENT OF PERSISTENTLY DISCHARGING MASTOID CAVITIES

CAUSES	TREATMENT
Small external opening	Enlarge meatus
Infection	Local toilette & topical antibiotic/steroid drops
Residual cholesteatoma	Revision mastoid surgery
Allergy to topical drugs	Discontinue drops
High posterior canal wall	Surgery to lower wall
Neoplasia	Surgery ± radiotherapy