

# Deadly Ears



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Helping little people to hear, talk, learn and play

Increasing accessibility and minimising hurdles to necessary ears and hearing services



The Deadly Ears Program is an ear and hearing program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Queensland with persistent otitis media (or middle ear disease).

The Program's clinical service includes the provision of ENT, nursing, audiology, speech pathology and occupational therapy for children with chronic ear disease and associated hearing difficulties and developmental impacts.

Deadly Ears encourages referrals for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children under 16 years who reside in or in close proximity to a partner community.

### Intake criteria

- **Persistent Otitis Media** with Effusion (parental report, evidence of, or documented history of OME lasting several months)
- **Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media** (persistent discharge through a tympanic membrane)
- **Dry perforation**
- **Cholesteatoma** (any suspicion of, or signs of attic retraction or persistent retraction)
- **Tympanostomy** tube (grommet) otorrhoea
- **Acute Otitis Media** (recurrent episodes without or with perforation/discharge)
- **Hearing loss** (suspected or confirmed hearing loss in the presence of middle ear disease)

### Communities we visit



**Specialists, GP's, Nurses, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Audiologists can refer children.**

If you have concerns about a child and they do not meet the intake criteria above or if you are uncertain, please contact us to chat.

#### Contact Us

Call us on (07) 3310 7709 or email us at: [DeadlyEars@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:DeadlyEars@health.qld.gov.au) and we will happily send you our referral form and answer any questions.

#### Download the form

Google '[Deadly Ears Referral Form](#)' you will find a link to the Deadly Ears Referral Form at the bottom of the page, or scan the QR code.



### How to refer



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