

Taringa Hoi Glue Ear

- * Glue ear is a condition where the middle ear, which normally contains air, is filled with a glue-like fluid.
- * It may stop children from hearing properly.
- * It is usually painless, so you may not know your child has an ear problem.

Hearing checklist

- * Does your baby respond to sounds?
- * Is your baby or toddler learning to talk?
- * Does your toddler listen to stories or music?
- * Does your toddler or child understand what you say?
- * Is your child learning at preschool or school?

If you have concerns about any of these symptoms, ask your mobile hearing clinic nurse specialist, doctor or practice nurse to check for glue ear when you visit them. Glue ear can be treated and hearing restored.

***Kia areare tonu
te taringa
o tō tamaiti
Make sure your
child can hear***



There are some things you can do to help prevent glue ear

These are:

- * breastfeed your baby for as long as you can
- * be smokefree
- * keep rooms warm and dry.

If you are worried about glue ear, ask:

- * your mobile hearing clinic nurse specialist, doctor or practice nurse
- * your community child health nurse
- * a vision hearing technician
- * your Māori community health worker.

Finish using all the medicine prescribed for your child's ear problem – even when the child seems better.

For further advice or information call Healthline 0800 611 116.

If you would like more information about glue ear and treatment:
see the Ministry of Health pamphlet *Glue Ear – Taringa Hoi*, code HE1414.

This resource is available from www.healthed.govt.nz or the Authorised Provider at your local DHB.
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**Kia kaha te
arai atu i te
taringa hoi
Help prevent
glue ear**



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