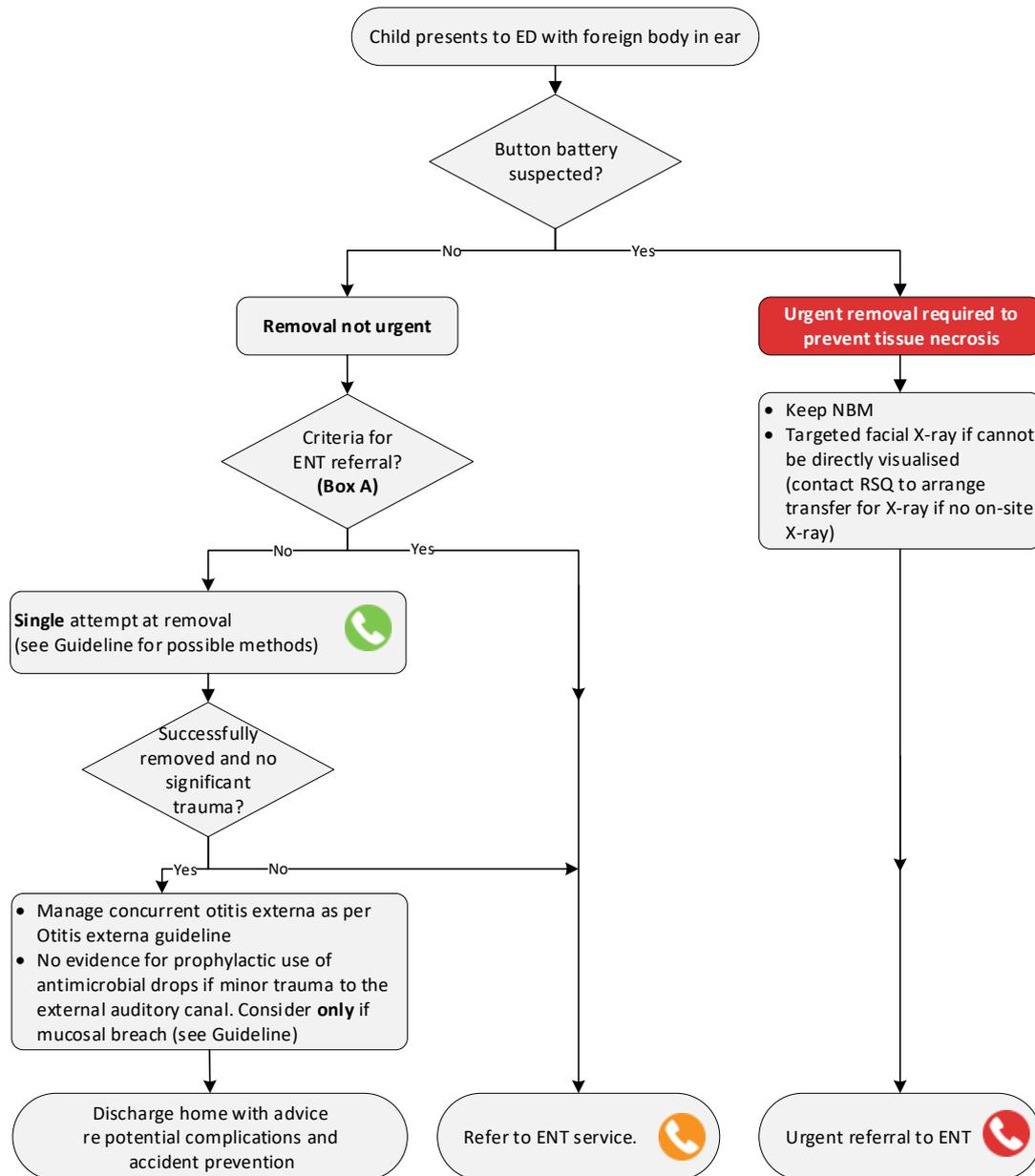


Queensland Paediatric Flowchart

Emergency

Foreign body in the ear – Emergency management – Flowchart



Box A: Criteria for referral to ENT
 Refer the following foreign bodies to ENT (do not attempt removal in ED):

- potentially penetrating
- impacted in medial external auditory canal
- next to tympanic membrane (especially if smooth or spherical)
- multiple failed attempts at removal prior to ED

Consider seeking senior emergency/ ENT advice as per local practices

Refer to onsite/local ENT as per local practices.

Refer to ENT (onsite or via Retrieval Services Queensland (RSQ) on 1300 799 127) for urgent removal

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