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Ear Cleaning Technique

Tools: Soft cotton balls or roll cotton, appropriate ear cleaning solution, latex or vinyl gloves (if ear canal is infected).

- Method:**
- ☞ Deliver ear cleaning solution to ear with a soaked cotton ball by tucking the soaked cotton into the canal and massaging to release the fluid into the deep canal.
 - ☞ Several cotton balls may be needed.
 - ☞ Massage of the vertical cartilage canal allows sloshing fluid to loosen waxy debris and lift it out of the canal.
 - ☞ Follow with several dry cotton balls to remove loosened debris and excess fluid.
 - ☞ Apply medication as directed after cleaning.

Rule of Thumb:

**If debris is visible on cotton, REPEAT the cleaning the next day.
Clean as often as needed to maintain clean, odor-free ears.**

