

Acute Otitis Media

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otitis media (OM) : 2 main categories

- 1. suppurative /acute otitis media (AOM)
- 2. nonsuppurative or secretory OM, or otitis media with effusion (OME)
- **middle-ear effusion (MEE)**: is a feature of both AOM and of OME and is an expression of the underlying **middle-ear mucosal inflammation**.
- MEE : conductive hearing loss (CHL) :ranging from none to as much as 50 dB of hearing loss



incidence

- The peak incidence and prevalence of OM is during the 1st 2 yr of life.
- **More than 80%** of children experience **at least one episode** of OM by the age of 3 yr.
- OM is a leading reason for
- physician visits and for use of **antibiotics** and figures importantly in the differential diagnosis of **fever**.
- Accurate visualization of the tympanic membrane (TM) and middle-ear space may be difficult because of anatomy, patient cooperation, or blockage by cerumen, both underdiagnosis and overdiagnosis occur.



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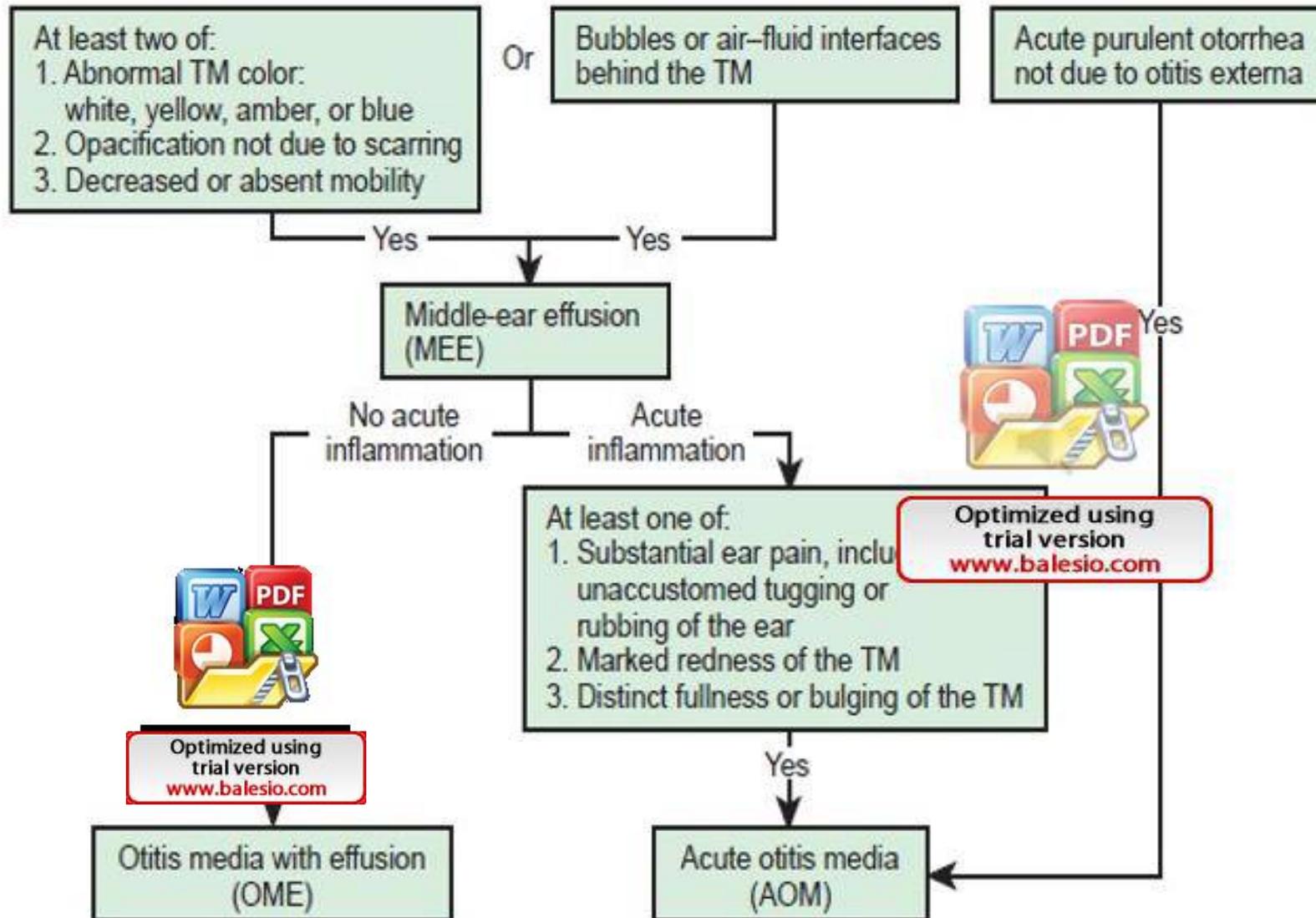


Fig. 658.1 Algorithm for distinguishing between acute otitis media and otitis media with effusion. TM, tympanic membrane.



Fig. 658.2 Examples of normal tympanic membrane (A) and of mild bulging (B), moderate bulging (C), and severe bulging (D) of the tympanic membrane from middle-ear effusion. (Courtesy of Alejandro Hoberman, MD.)



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Fig. 658.3 Tympanic membrane in acute otitis media.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Several factors affect the *occurrence of OM*, including
- age, gender, race, genetic background, socioeconomic status, breast milk feeding, degree of exposure to tobacco smoke, degree of exposure to other children, presence or absence of respiratory allergy, season of the year, and pneumococcal vaccination status.
- Children with certain types of
- immune deficiencies
- congenital craniofacial anomalies (cleft palate)
- are  prone to OM.

ETIOLOGY of Acute Otitis Media

- Three **pathogens predominate** in AOM:

Streptococcus pneumoniae

nontypeable *Haemophilus influenzae*

Moraxella catarrhalis .

13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine has reduced the prevalence of *S. pneumoniae* as a cause of AOM.

- **Less**  **pathogens** include group A streptococcus, *Staphylococcus aureus* , and Gram-negative
- **Gram** **negative** **organisms** and *S. aureus* are found most commonly in ***neonates*** and very ***young*** **hospitalized**

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ETIOLOGY of Acute Otitis Media

- Evidence of **respiratory viruses** also may be found in middle-ear exudates of children with AOM, either alone or, more commonly, in association with **pathogenic bacteria**.
- Of these viruses, **rhinovirus** and **respiratory syncytial virus** are found most often.
- AOM is a known complication of **bronchiolitis**.



CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

- Symptoms of AOM are **variable**, especially in infants and young children.
- **In young children**, evidence of ear pain may be manifested by irritability or a change in sleeping or eating habits and occasionally, holding or tugging at the ear. *Pulling at the ear alone has a low sensitivity and specificity.*
- Fever may also be present and may occasionally be the **only sign**.
- Rupture of the TM **with purulent otorrhea** is uncommon.
- Symptoms associated with **upper respiratory tract infections** also occur; occasionally there may be no symptoms of the disease having been discovered at a routine health examination.



EXAMINATION OF THE TYMPANIC MEMBRANE ,Otoscopy

- Two types of otoscope heads are available:
- **surgical**, and **diagnostic** or **pneumatic**.
- Examination of the ear in young children is a **relatively invasive procedure** that is often met **with lack of cooperation by the patient**.
- A speculum pushed too far forward and placed in this area often causes **skin abrasion and pain**.
- Learning to perform **pneumatic otoscopy** is a critical skill in being able to assess a child's ear and obtain an accurate diagnosis of AOM.
- Patient cleaning of cerumen with cotton-tipped swabs often **worsens** cerumen impaction by pushing cerumen deeper into the canal, compacting it.
- If the TM is obscured by cerumen, the cerumen should be removed.



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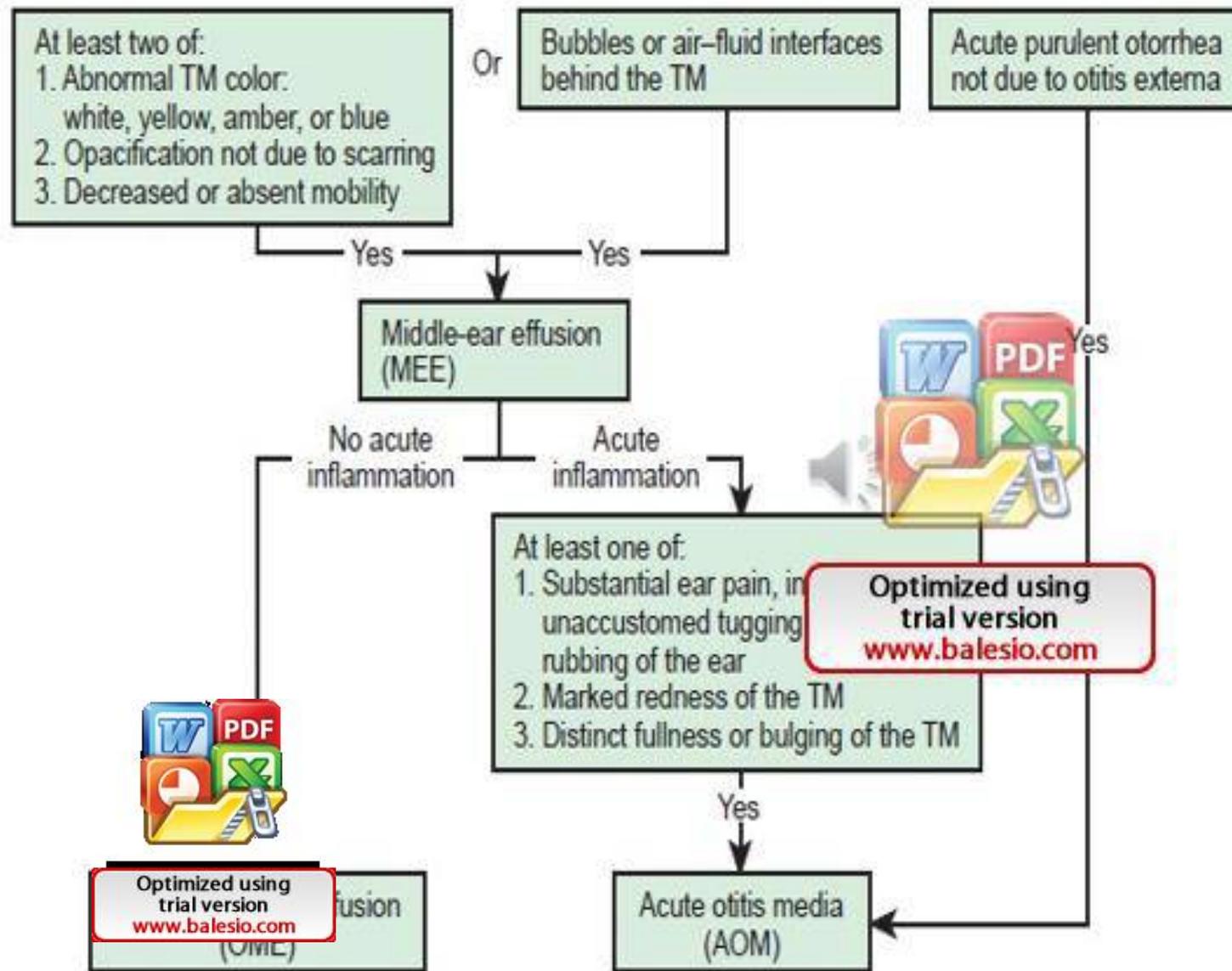


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AOM instead of OME

- To support a diagnosis of AOM instead of OME in a child with MEE, distinct fullness or bulging of the TM may be present, with or without accompanying erythema, or by ear pain.
- Unless intense, erythema alone is insufficient because erythema, without other abnormalities, may result from crying or vascular flushing.
- In AOM, the malleus may be obscured and the TM may resemble a bagel without a hole but with a central depression. Bullous myringitis is a physical manifestation.



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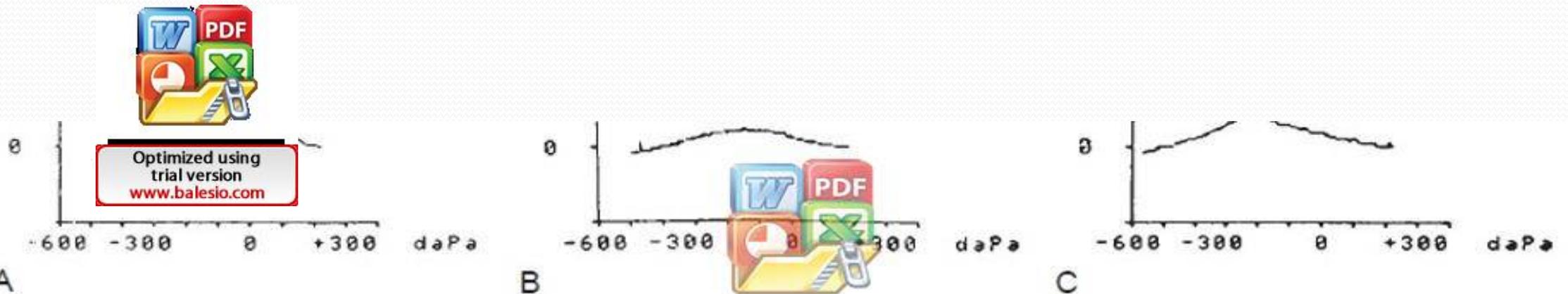
Conjunctivitis-Associated Otitis Media

- Simultaneous appearance of purulent and erythematous conjunctivitis with an ipsilateral OM is a well-recognized presentation, caused by *nontypeable H. influenzae* in most children.
- Topical ocular antibiotics are ineffective.



Tympanometry

- Tympanometry is a simple, rapid, atraumatic test that, when performed correctly, offers objective evidence of the presence or absence of MEE.
- Anything tending to stiffen the TM, such as TM scarring or middle-ear fluid, reduces the TM compliance, which is recorded as a flattening of the curve of the tympanogram.
- **Tympanograms** may be grouped into 1 of 3 categories



g. 658.5 Tympanograms obtained with a Grason-Stadler Analyzer, exhibiting (A) high admittance, steep gradient (i.e., sharp-angled peak), and middle-ear air pressure approximating 0 decaPascals [daPa]; (B) low admittance and indeterminate middle-ear air pressure; and (C) somewhat low admittance, gradual gradient, and markedly negative middle-ear air pressure.

PREVENTION

- Avoiding exposure to individuals with respiratory infection;
- Appropriate vaccination strategies against pneumococci and influenzae;
- Avoiding environmental tobacco smoke;
- Breast milk feeding.



Treat ment

- For younger patients, <2 yr of age, treat all confirmed diagnoses of AOM.
- In patients, <6 mo of age, even **presumed** episodes of AOM **should be treated**.
- In children between 6 and 24 mo of age who have a questionable diagnosis of OM but **severe disease**, defined as temperature of >39°C, significant otalgia, or toxic appearance, **antibiotic therapy is also recommended**.
- Children between 6 and 24 mo of age with a **questionable diagnosis and nonsevere disease** should be **observed** for a period of 2-3 days with close follow-up.
- Treatment of **OM** longer than **10 days** may be required for children who are very young, have had previous severe episodes or whose previous experience with OM has been severe.



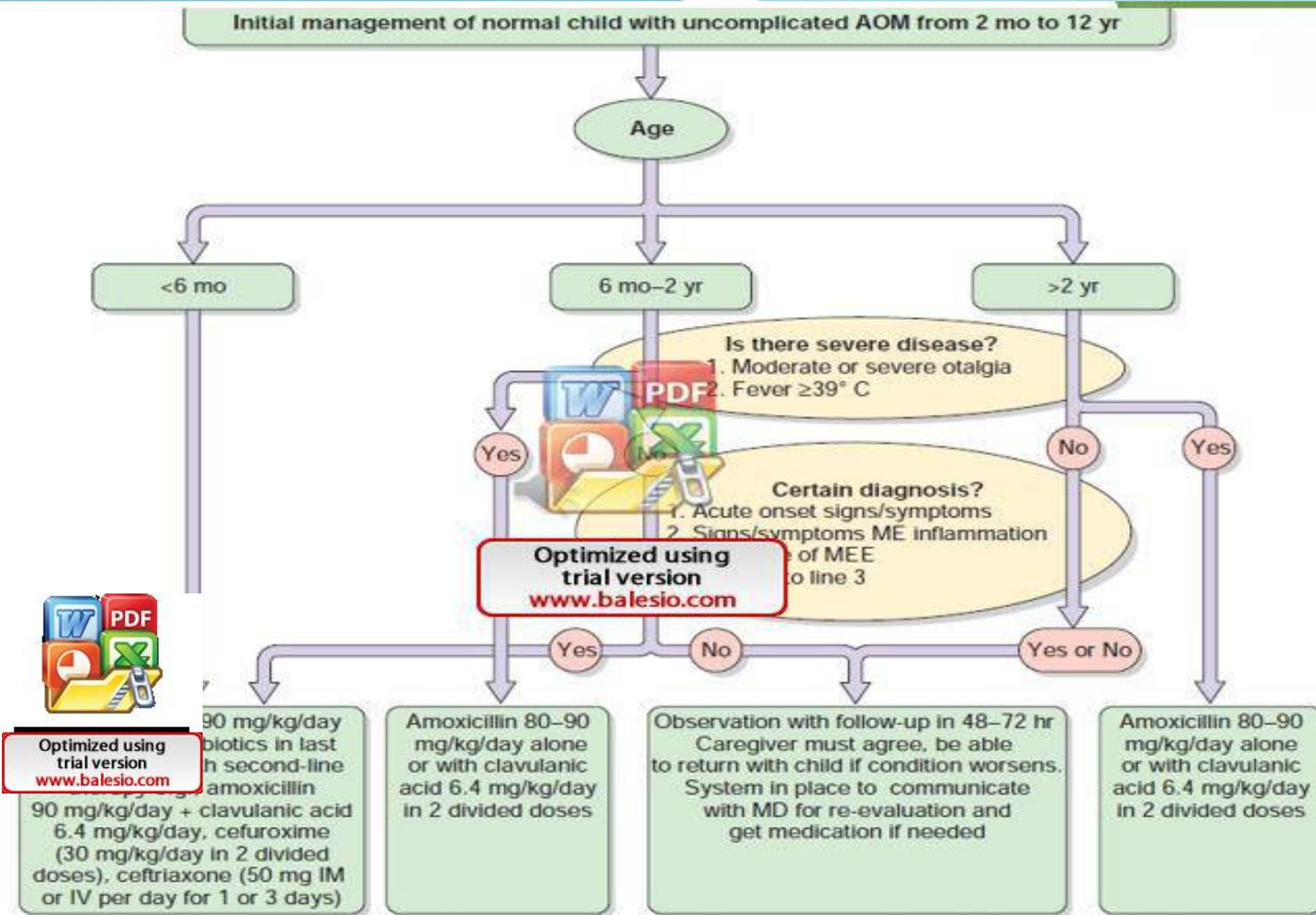


Fig. 658.6 Algorithm for management of acute otitis media. (From Mazer BD: Otitis media. In Leung DYM, Szeffler SJ, Bonilla FA, et al. editors: Pediatric allergy: principles and practices, ed 3, Philadelphia, 2016, Elsevier, Fig 25-3.)

Table 658.3 Suggested Antibiotics for Treatment of Otitis Media and for Patients Who Have Failed First-Line Antibiotic Treatment

Initial Immediate or Delayed Antibiotic Treatment		Antibiotic Treatment After 48-72 hr of Failure of Initial Antibiotic Treatment	
RECOMMENDED FIRST-LINE TREATMENT	ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT (IF PENICILLIN ALLERGY OR SUSPICION OF BETA LACTAMASE-PRODUCING ORGANISMS)	RECOMMENDED TREATMENT	ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT
Amoxicillin (Pathogens include <i>Pneumococcus</i> , <i>H. influenzae</i> non-type B, <i>Moraxella</i>)	Cefdinir	Amoxicillin-clavulanate	Ceftriaxone
or	or	or	Failure of second antibiotic
Amoxicillin-clavulanate Ceftriaxone IM/IV for 1-3 days	Cefpodoxime Ceftriaxone Levofloxacin	Ceftriaxone	Azithromycin Tympanocentesis*



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ANTIBIOTIC DOSAGES

- Amoxicillin 90 mg/kg/day bid for 10 days
- Amoxicillin-clavulanate (ratio 14:1) 90 mg/kg/day of amoxicillin component bid for 10 days
- Ceftriaxone 50 mg/kg/day qd IM, IV for 1-3 days
- Cefdinir 14 mg/kg/day qd for 10 days
- Cefpodoxime 10 mg/kg/day bid for 10 days
- Levofloxacin 20 mg/kg/day bid if ≤ 5 yr for 10 days; 10 mg/kg/day bid if > 5 yr for 10 days
- Azithromycin 10 mg/kg/day on day 1 QD then 5 mg/kg/day days 2-5 qd or 10 mg/kg/day for 3 days QD or 20 mg/kg once

IM, intramuscular; IV intravenous; bid, twice daily; qd, once daily.

*Tympanocentesis for those who fail second-line therapy.

Treat ment

- Clarithromycin and azithromycin have only **limited** activity.
- Clindamycin is active against most strains of *S. pneumoniae*, but is **not** active against nontypeable *H. influenzae* or *M. catarrhalis*.
- Cefixime, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and erythromycin-sulfisoxazole have significant lack of effectiveness .
- Antimicrobial prophylaxis clearly **outweigh** potential benefits.
- Coagulation, antihistamine-decongestant, topical intranasal steroid sprays and mucolytic are recommended for treatment of OME and are **contraindicated** for OME



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Follow-up

- Follow-up **within days** is advisable in the **young infant with a severe episode** or in a child of any age **with continuing pain**.
- Follow-up **within 2 wk** is appropriate for the infant or young child who has been having **frequent recurrences**. At that point, the TM is **not likely to have returned to normal**, but substantial improvement in its appearance should be evident.
- In the child with only a **sporadic episode** of AOM and prompt symptomatic improvement, follow-up **1 mo** after initial examination is early enough, or in older children, **no follow-up** may be necessary



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Myringotomy and Insertion of Tympanostomy Tubes

- When AOM is recurrent, despite appropriate medical therapy, consideration of surgical management of AOM with tympanostomy tube insertion is warranted, it in reduce the rate of AOM .
- When a patient experiences three episodes of AOM in a 6-mo period, or four episodes in a 12-mo period with one episode in the preceding 6 mo, potential surgical management of the child's AOM should be discussed with the parents



Table 658.5 Manifestations of the Sequelae and Complications of Otitis Media

COMPLICATION	CLINICAL FEATURES
ACUTE	
Perforation with otorrhea	Immobile tympanic membrane secondary to visible perforation, exudate in ear canal
Acute mastoiditis with periostitis	Tenderness and erythema over mastoid process, no destruction of bony trabeculae
Acute mastoid osteitis	Destruction of bony trabeculae; tenderness and erythema over mastoid process coupled with outward displacement of pinna
Petrositis	Infection of perilabyrinthine capsule present with otitis, paralysis of lateral rectus, and ipsilateral orbital or facial pain (Gradenigo syndrome)
Facial nerve palsy	Peripheral cranial nerve VII paresis
Labyrinthitis	Vertigo, fever, ear pain, instability, hearing loss, tinnitus, nausea and vomiting
Lateral sinus thrombosis	Headache, fever, seizures, altered states of consciousness, septic emboli
Meningitis	Fever, headache, nuchal rigidity, seizures, altered states of consciousness
Extradural empyema	Fever, headache, seizures, altered states of consciousness
Subdural empyema	Fever, headache, seizures, altered states of consciousness
Brain abscess	Fever, headache, seizures, altered states of consciousness, focal neurologic examination
NONACUTE	
Chronic	Immobile tympanic membrane with perforation
Otitis media (E)	Immobile, opaque tympanic membrane
Adhesive	Irreversible conductive hearing loss secondary to chronic OME
Tympanosclerosis	Thickened white plaques may cause conductive hearing loss
Chronic	Following acute otitis media with perforation, secondary infection with <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , or anaerobes develops, causing chronic otorrhea
Cholesteatoma	White, pearl-like destructive tumor with otorrhea arising near or within tympanic membrane; may be secondary to chronic negative middle ear pressure
Otitic hydrocephalus	Increased intracranial pressure secondary to AOM; signs and symptoms include severe headaches, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, papilledema, diplopia (abducens paralysis)



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