

Chief Complaint: Follow up visit, Otitis

History of Present Illness: 2-year-old boy accompanied by Mother, feeling and playing well. No coughing, pulling at ear, fever. Appetite is good and sleep is on his normal schedule

ROS: Constitutional, no fever. HEENT as per HPI.

Past Medical History: NKDA

Social: No sick contacts, attends pre-school/Day Care 2 mornings a week.

Examination:

Vital signs: Temp 98.5, Wt 28.9, Ht 25.92, BMI 15.76 Head Circumference percentile 48.5, BMI percentile 29.32

Constitutional: Alert, active and cooperative. Eyes normal conjunctivae. Nose normal. Ears: right turbid pink, left fluid. Throat without erythema, normal tonsils. Neck supple, no lymphadenopathy. Chest clear, good equal air entry, no dyspnea. Heart rate regular, no murmurs. Abdomen soft, not tender, normal bowel sounds. Skin no rashes. Neurologically grossly normal.

Assessment: Otitis Media, Resolved

Call if any changes or development of new symptoms.

Coding: 99212 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision making. When using time for code selection, 10-19 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.

Rationale: Complexity of Medical Decision Making is Straightforward, based on 2 out of 3 elements.

- Number and complexity of Problems addressed: 1 minor illness
- Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed and analyzed: none
- Risk of Complications and/or morbidity or mortality of patient management: straightforward

Bonus tip: The complexity of Medical Decision Making is based on 2 of 3 categories: (1) Number and Complexity of Problems addressed, Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed; and (3) Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management.

Minor problem: A problem that runs a definite and prescribed course, is transient in nature, and is not likely to permanently alter health status