Consent form for ear syringing

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Wax in the ears that causes symptoms can often be removed by gentle syringing with warm water. Whilst simple to do, it best done after softening the wax with wax softeners. There can be some potential complications including:

* Perforation of the ear drum. If this fails to heal, it may require the need for surgical repair
* Bruising and bleeding of the ear canal
* Ulceration of the canal
* Infection of the ear canal (otitis externa) or middle ear (otitis media)
* Earache
* Hearing loss
* Ringing in the ears
* Dizziness and nausea

Syringing should not be done if you have:

* A past or present perforation of the ear drum
* Presence of a grommet
* History of ear surgery
* Hearing in one ear only

By signing this form, you confirm that you:

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| Consent to having the syringing done by our trained nurses or your GP |[ ]
| Acknowledge that your GP or nurse has explained the procedure and has answered any questions that you may have |[ ]
| Understand that the syringing may not be successful |[ ]

Please sign below