

Otitis media

I am in the middle of a controversy with your mother, and her mother about why you have been pulling at your ear, while you just sit there with pampered potbelly saying nothing.

The crunch of the examining table's crinkled paper in your double-fisted hands makes you smile responsively and tune out their cacophony over antibiotics.

They do not buy into my normal exam or the presence of sticky waxy or the idea that you just found your ears after six months; or my internal thought you are just being a baby.

So they pack you up in haste, unsatisfied with me because of your habit, acquired from watching too much baseball with dad and his ESPN babysitter who has infected you with signaling everyone to steal second.

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