

Chronic Otitis Media Benefit Inventory (COMBI)

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The aim of this questionnaire is to find out how your ear problems have affected you since you have had ear surgery performed or another type of intervention.

Please answer the questions below by considering carefully each question asked, and then ticking the appropriate box. There are no right or wrong answers, but please try to think carefully about each question before ticking the appropriate box.

Once you have completed the questionnaire, please check that you have provided an answer to every question and do ask for help if you find it hard.

Symptom severity:

1. Since your operation/intervention, has the discharge or drainage from your ear been better or worse?

5	4	3	2	1
<i>Much Better</i>	<i>A little or somewhat better</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>A little or somewhat worse</i>	<i>Much worse</i>

2. Since your operation/intervention, how would you define the change in having a 'smelly ear'. Has this become better or worse?

5	4	3	2	1
<i>Much Better</i>	<i>A little or somewhat better</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>A little or somewhat worse</i>	<i>Much worse</i>

3. Since your operation/intervention, has your hearing at home (e.g. requiring the volume of the TV or Radio to be turned up) got better or worse?

5	4	3	2	1
<i>Much Better</i>	<i>A little or somewhat better</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>A little or somewhat worse</i>	<i>Much worse</i>

4. Since your operation/intervention, has your hearing when talking to people in groups (or when there are noisy surroundings) got better or worse?

5	4	3	2	1
<i>Much Better</i>	<i>A little or somewhat better</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>A little or somewhat worse</i>	<i>Much worse</i>

5. Since your operation/intervention, has the discomfort in and/or around the ear got better or worse?

5	4	3	2	1
<i>Much Better</i>	<i>A little or somewhat better</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>A little or somewhat worse</i>	<i>Much worse</i>

6. Since your operation/intervention, has your dizziness or feeling 'off balance' got better or worse?

5	4	3	2	1
<i>Much Better</i>	<i>A little or somewhat better</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>A little or somewhat worse</i>	<i>Much worse</i>

7. Since your operation/intervention, has your tinnitus or noises in the ear got better or worse?

5	4	3	2	1
<i>Much Better</i>	<i>A little or somewhat better</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>A little or somewhat worse</i>	<i>Much worse</i>

Lifestyle, work and health service impact:

8. Regarding your normal daily activities at home and work, would you say that you have had more problems or less problems, since your operation/intervention?

1	2	3	4	5
<i>Much more problems performing activities</i>	<i>More problems performing activities</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>Less problems performing activities</i>	<i>Much less problems performing activities</i>

9. Regarding your ability to wash or shower or bathe as you would like to since your operation/intervention, have you been more fearful or less fearful of these activities causing an ear infection?

1	2	3	4	5
<i>Much more fearful of getting my ear wet</i>	<i>More fearful of getting my ear wet</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>Less fearful of getting my ear wet</i>	<i>Much less fearful of getting my ear wet</i>

10. Since your operation/intervention, have you seen your family doctor more often or less often, about your ear problems?

1	2	3	4	5
<i>Much more often</i>	<i>More often</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>Less often</i>	<i>Much less often</i>

11. Since your operation/intervention, have you needed to take medicines (including eardrops) for your ear problem more often or less often?

1	2	3	4	5
<i>Much more often</i>	<i>More often</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>Less often</i>	<i>Much less often</i>

General:

12. Since your operation/intervention, have your ear problems 'got you down' more or less than before?

1	2	3	4	5
<i>Much more than before</i>	<i>More than before</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>Less than before</i>	<i>Much less than before</i>