



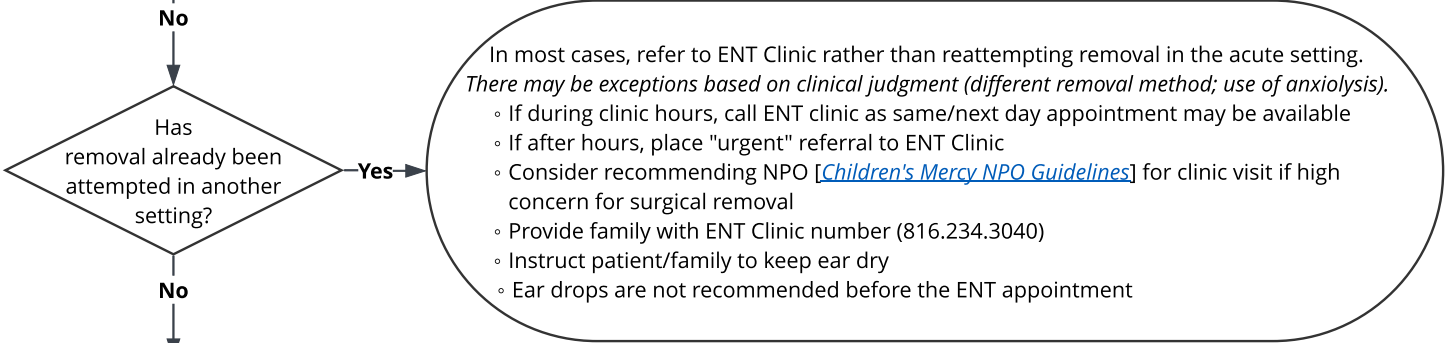
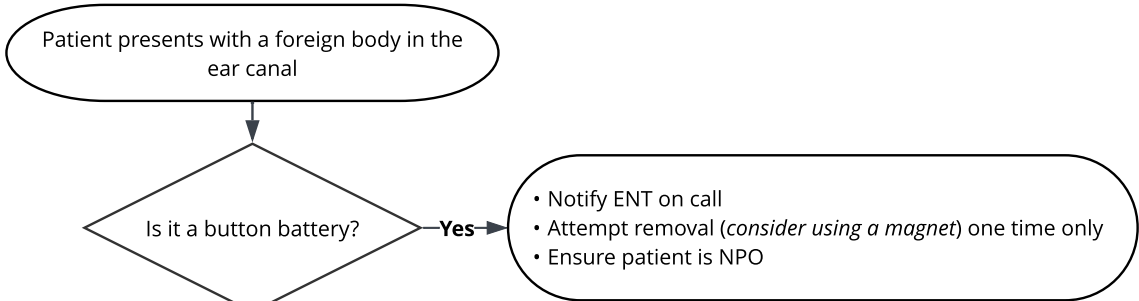
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**Exclusion criteria:**

- Cerumen impaction confirmed by otoscopic evaluation, refer to [Cerumen Impaction Clinical Pathway](#)

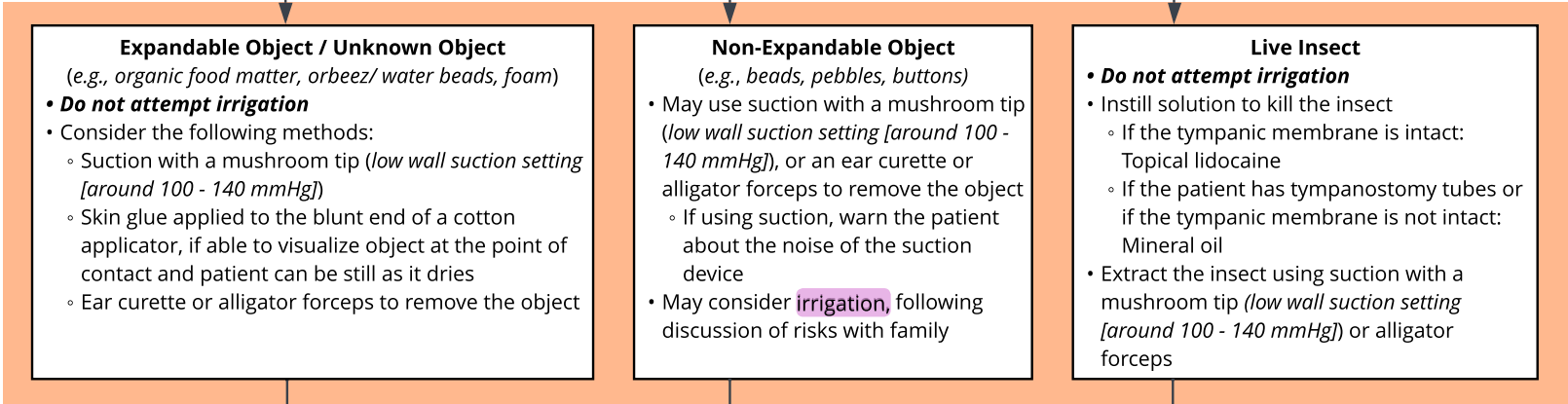
**Complicating Factors:**

- Penetrating injury
- Deep object against tympanic membrane
- Unable to visualize the tympanic membrane
- Severe pain
- History of ruptured tympanic membrane
- Trauma of the auditory canal
- History of ear surgery
- Tympanostomy tube(s)



**Attempt Foreign Body Removal**

- Consider Child Life consult and use of single dose anxiolysis if indicated
- Be aware of trauma with multiple attempts. If no progress after one attempt, consider discontinuing the procedure, especially if there are **complicating factors**. **Only one attempt is recommended for round, smooth objects such as beads as they may be pushed deeper.**
- Attempt removal following the **helpful hints** below



**Irrigation for Foreign Body Removal**

**Potential Risks:**

- May lodge the object deeper in the canal for which surgical intervention is required
- If expandable, irrigation could cause the object to expand
- Irrigation is uncomfortable for the patient

[Irrigation Instructions](#)

