

EAR, ACUTE INFLAMMATION OF THE

Symptoms.— Heat, pain, and irritation of the external ear, if that is the inflamed part

Treatment.— Hot fomentations, followed by a cold compress, and a hot sitz-bath and foot-bath followed by a cool bath in connection with the fomentation.

If the internal ear is inflamed, there will be a distressing sense of fullness, painful throbbing, general nervousness, and deep-seated pain; loud noises are heard at times. If the inflammation is not checked, the eyes become red, delirium sets in, followed by fever of typhoid character; suppuration (*formation of pus; fester*) soon follows, which usually destroys the hearing.

Treatment.— The same as above, and in addition, the patient should fast for a short time, and the cold head-bath should be freely used, until the heat in the head is subdued. The accompanying fever should be treated as directed in General Treatment of Fever.