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# Another option for chronic ear infections:

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Virtually all children will have an ear infection at some point in their young lives. For some, these infections can become chronic and even dangerous. For years, antibiotics have been widely prescribed to fight pediatric ear infections.

Specialists at the U-M Health System suggest that in many cases, antibiotics might not be necessary and that giving children frequent antibiotics can create dangerous antibiotics can create dangerous nutibiotic.

dren frequent antibiotics can create dangerous antibiotic resistance in society as a whole. Ear infections in children are so common because of the common cold, the sharing of germs among school children, and the under-developed immune systems of infants and toddlers.

In an ear infection, or otitis media, fluid collects behind the car drum and becomes infected with bacteria, leading to pain or fever, says Dr. Marei Lesperance, assistant professor, Department of Otolaryngology.

This happens because the custachian tube that connects from the back of the ear drum to the back of the nose gets plugged from colds or allergies, or because it's a small tube. Children with acute otitis media will typically have fever and pain, but it's hard for very young children to explain how they feel. Crying, irritability and tugging at the cars can also

be symptoms.

Theatment of an ear infection should occur when there are both symptoms of an acute infection, along with the signs of an ear infection, such as fluid behind the ear drum that looks like pus or infected fluid; says Lesperance.

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all the time - or treating when there may not even be an infecthere may not even be an infec-tion – is not so much with the individual child, but with socie-ty as a whole. With the wide-spread use of antibiotics, the world's bacteria are learning to resist these antibiotics. So, it's better for society as a whole to try to limit the use of antibi-otics to the patients who really need them," says Lesperance.

### TREATMENT OPTION: TUBES

One option for children with multiple infections, frequent infections, or infections that never go away is surgery to place artificial tubes through the ear drum for better

place artificial tubes inrough the ear drum for better drainage.
This is usually done as an outpatient procedure that takes about 15 minutes.
Kelly Huxley is the mother of four children, and all of them have had this surgery, called tympanostomy tube placement.
"My oldest was 16 months

when she had her tonsils and adenoids removed and tubes put in. She has done fine since then, My son Noah has had the most problems, Huddys says. "When my ears hutted, I told my mom and she always took me to the doctor's, I couldn't hear very good, admits Noah. Older children may need special tubes inserted, if tubes are needed multiple times. Noah is on his third set of tubes. Hudge says the treatment with tubes clears up infections better, so the procedure has definitely been a benefit to her family. She also notes that now her children are sleeping better through the night.

In a tympanostomy tube placement, a physician makes a little incision in the ear drum, suctions out any fluid that might be trapped behind the ear drum, and inserts a little tube to keep the hole open. "The tube allows a connection from behind the ear to the outside air for druinage. These tubes stay in for roughly a year, and then usually come out on their own. At that point, the earl mus usually come out on their own. At that point, the echild's custachian tube has had enough time to mature and work properly," says
Lesperance.
Lesperance says physicians are also concerned about fluid behind the ear drums that in't

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infected, because it is still inter-fering with hearing.
"They're usually not hearing as well as they could be. So, by draining out that fluid, we can improve their hearing and give them the best chance at speech and language development," says Lesperance.
She also points out that it is important to follow the advice of your child's primary care prour child's primary care prour childs primary care this common childhood malady.
For more laformation, visit the following Web sites:

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U-M Health Topics A to Z: ■ U-M Health Topics A to Z: Ear Infections, http://www. mcd.umich.edu/llibr/child/chil d32.htm

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www.med.amich.edu/filbr/lopies/ent1.htm

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Centers for Disease
Control: Ear Infection Facts,
http://www.midcd.nth.gov/health/parents/oftismedia.htm

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## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE SOUTHWESTERN OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2002, in Council Chambers, 23690 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the Meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

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The meeting was called to order at 7-94 p.m.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
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7.15 p.m.).
SOUTHWESTERN OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION:
Executive Director Collins.

Council met with Director Collins to hear an update on the progress of the new SWOCC facility and the status of the transfer of ownership by Time Warner.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor
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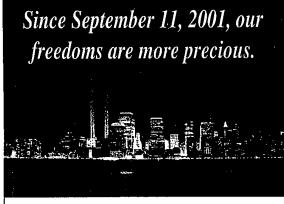
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