

## **Microsuction of the ear**

Microsuction is an examination and treatment of the ear using a high powered binocular operating microscope. We use very fine instruments, including a miniature vacuum cleaner. This 'Hoovering' of the ear is usually done as an out-patient procedure. Sometimes, and especially in younger children, it is done as a day case surgery under general anaesthetic. Microsuction of the ear is carried out :

### **1. To diagnose the condition of the ear accurately using**

- binocular vision for 3-d stereoscopic view
- high power magnification
- very bright illumination

### **2. To remove material blocking the ear canal such as**

- wax
- infected debris
- dead skin layers
- foreign bodies

### **3. To apply medication to the ear**

- by clearing the ear one can apply drops/ointment more effectively

## **After microsuction of the ear**

- occasionally people are little 'dizzy' after this procedure but it would normally be short lived (and there would normally be no problem with driving after this)