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Necrotizing otitis externa

Necrotizing Otitis Externa (NOE) is an infection of the external auditory canal leading to an Osteomyelitis of the bone and surrounding soft tissue and to multiple abscess and cranial nerve palsies. The frequency of this life-threatening disease is increasing, and a shifting incidence has been noted with more sterile culture and fungal cases. Aspergillus serology and PCR are actually important tools in the diagnosis of this condition and many therapeutic procedures have been used and combined: antibiotics, antifungals, local treatment, hyperbaric oxygen therapy and surgery.

In this session, we will summarize and discuss the most relevant clinical and therapeutic features of NOE on the basis of the most recent data in literature.

Speaker Biography

Mardassi Ali is Consultant and Associate-Professor in Otorhinolaryngology – HNS. He was graduated in ENT-HNS and Skull Base Surgery from Marseille, France and in Aviation Medicine from Paris, France. He is the ex-secretary of the Tunisian Society of Otolaryngology and his preferred areas of interest are middle ear surgery, external auditory canal disease, otitis media and externa and aviation medicine. Currently, he is working as the Head of ENT Department at the military hospital of Doha, Qatar.

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