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**Role of fungal infections in CSOM : Prospective study**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** Otitis media is known to be one of most common childhood infections and a leading reason for antibiotic prescriptions in the developed world.

**Methods**: The present study was conducted on 150 cases who come for consultation in the OPD of Deptt. of ENT and Deptt, Of Microbiology, Govt. Medical College, Rajindra Hospital, Patiala.

**Observations and results**: Apart from the use of topical drops, the humid conditions produced by the discharge, epithelial debris and alkaline pH are the other factors responsible for the secondary fungal infections.

**Conclusion**: In cases of persistant otorrhoea, aural toilet, culture and sensitivity of discharge and removal of the focus of infection should be sought before using topical drops.

**Key words**: C.S.O.M., Bacteriology, Antibiotic sensitivity