

Images in Clinical Practice

Ascaris Lumbricoides: Unusual Exit

A two-year old female child was admitted to our hospital for diarrhea and vomiting. On the second day the baby expelled round worms by mouth and nostrils. On

tube in case of children is shorter in length and wider in breadth and horizontal in position as compared to adults where it is longer, narrower and obliquely placed. The



Fig. 1. Photograph of the child showing the round worm protruding out of the right ear.

the same evening, while the baby was sleeping, the mother noticed one round worm coming through the right ear, which was photographed then (*Fig 1*).

The baby had a history of chronic suppurative otitis media since long. On removal of roundworm, a big perforation of right middle ear was revealed. Possibly the round worm came out passing via the perforated tympanic membrane travelling through the auditory tube. The auditory

anatomy of auditory tube in children might have facilitated the passing of round worm from the ear in this case. The round worms, once irritated try to put their pointed ends into any hole or natural orifice in an attempt to come out.

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