

# The Swelling of the External Ear in an Old Woman

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**Abstract** : Relapsing chondritis is a rare disease characterized by the swelling of cartilaginous structures, including the external ear and nose. We diagnosed an old woman who developed external ear swelling with relapsing chondritis. After she was given steroid therapy, the swelling of the external ear was disappeared. Dyspnea due to the airways obstruction sometimes occurs in patient with this disease, and a careful diagnosis is necessary to ensure the proper treatment.

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