ALGORITHM 10: MANAGEMENT Could this child have an important hearing loss due to Otitis Media?

- Persistent Bilateral OME >3 months
- Recurrent AOM (AOMwoP or AOMwiP)
- CSOM
- Dry Perforation >3 months
- Speech, language, developmental delay or behavioural problems
- Family concerns

Continue medical treatment (as per algorithms 3, 5 or 7)

- Monitor listening behaviour for signs of hearing loss
- Refer for hearing assessment
- Refer for ENT assessment if hearing assessment delayed and concerns about language delay

- Hearing Loss ≤20 dB in the better ear
- Normal hearing or slight hearing loss
  - Continue to review regularly

- Hearing Loss 21 - 30 dB in the better ear
- Mild hearing loss
  - Use and recommend strategies to improve quality of communication
  - Ensure ongoing audiological, language and educational support
  - Continue to review monthly
  - If school age, recommend classroom amplification
  - Refer for speech therapy if concerned about language development

- Hearing Loss >30 dB in the better ear
- Moderate hearing loss
  - Use and recommend strategies to improve quality of communication
  - Ensure ongoing audiological, language and educational support
  - Refer for hearing aid consult if surgery delayed >6 months, unavailable or unsuccessful, and hearing loss >30 dB in the better ear
  - If school age, recommend classroom amplification
  - Refer for speech therapy if concerned about language development