Algorithm: Chronic Otitis Media for children 6 months to 12 years

- **Frequency:**
  - Unilateral or bilateral otitis media with effusion for 3 months or longer

  **Any of these chronic conditions?**
  - Known hearing loss independent of OM
  - Confirmed speech or language disorder/delay
  - Autism or pervasive developmental disorder
  - Syndromes or craniofacial disorders that include cognitive, speech or language delays; visual impairment; or cleft palate

  **Ongoing clinical surveillance of middle ear effusion.**
  - Recommend **against** treatment with intranasal or systemic steroids, antihistamines, decongestants antibiotics.

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