



Do ear drops break the fast?

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The earlier jurists were of the view that ear drops break the fast as physicians were of the opinion that liquid placed in the ear would reach the stomach. However, the ENT experts state that apart from the time when the tympanic membrane (eardrum) is perforated, which will then allow the passage of liquid from the outer ear to the inner ear, liquid will not reach the stomach.

Therefore, ear drops do not break the fast, however if they can be avoided one should do so. Incidentally, eye drops do not break the fast whereas nose drops and asthma inhalers do.

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