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Acute and chronic ear disease continues to be one of the leading diseases of childhood. Understanding eustachian tube function and management remains one of the most important aspects in controlling inflammatory ear disease. Chronic ear disease requires elaborate surgical interventions designed to bypass eustachian tube dysfunction and/or poor mastoid aeration, since surgical management of the eustachian tube has been elusive. Our understanding of the ear and hearing continues to expand at record pace, as auditory neuroscientists discover the fundamental molecular structure and function of the