Algorithm for Differentiating Otitis Media With Effusion (OME) From Acute Otitis Media (AOM)

- At least two of:
  - Abnormal color: white, yellow, amber, blue
  - Opacification not due to scarring
  - Decreased or absent mobility
  - Bubbles or air-fluid interfaces

- At least one finding of acute inflammation:
  - Ear pain, including unaccustomed tugging or rubbing of the ear
  - Marked redness of the TM
  - Distinct fullness or bulging of the TM

- Acute purulent otorrhea not due to otitis externa

Yes → Middle Ear Effusion (MEE)

No → Otitis Media With Effusion (OME) or Acute Otitis Media (AOM)