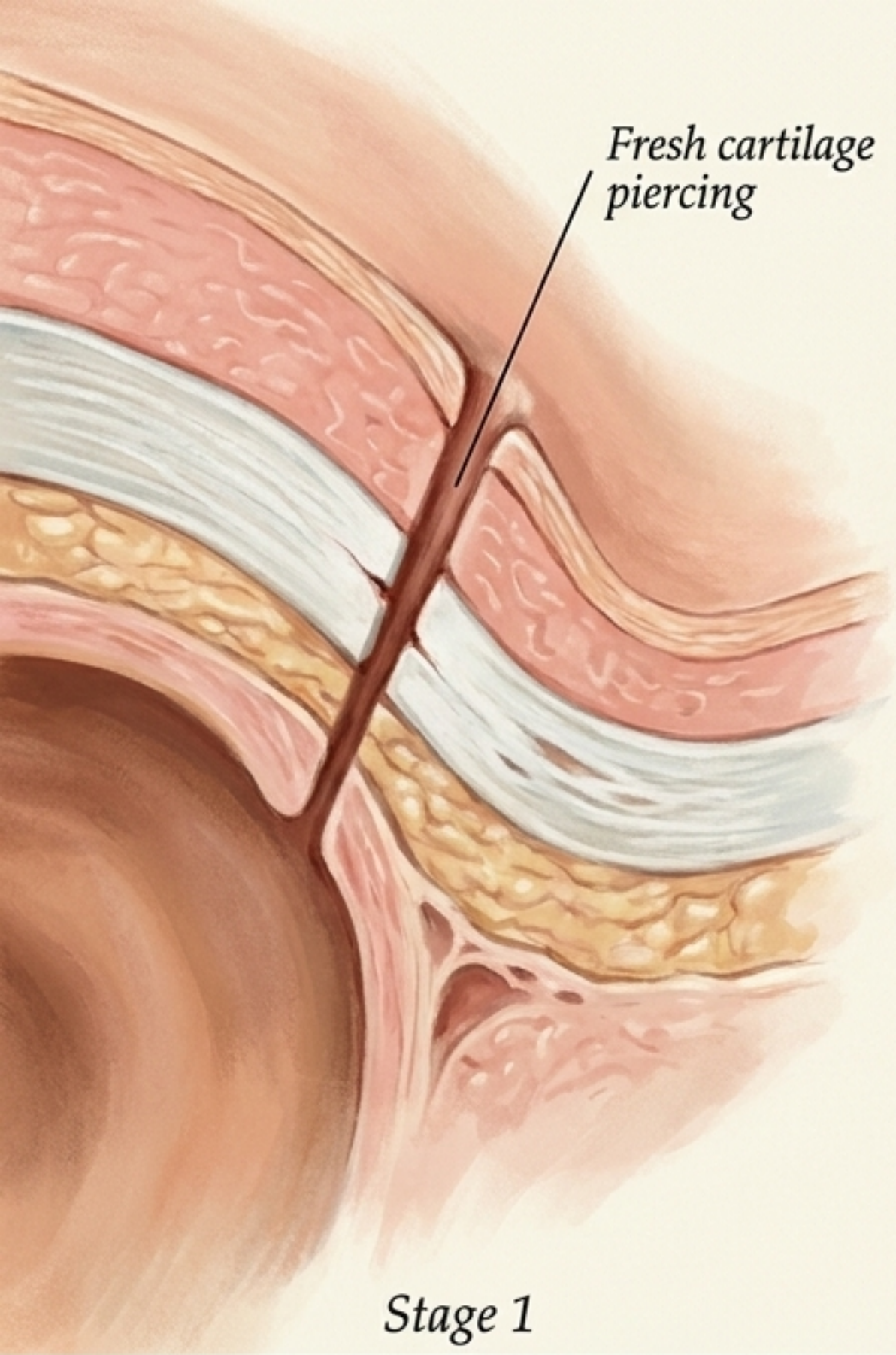
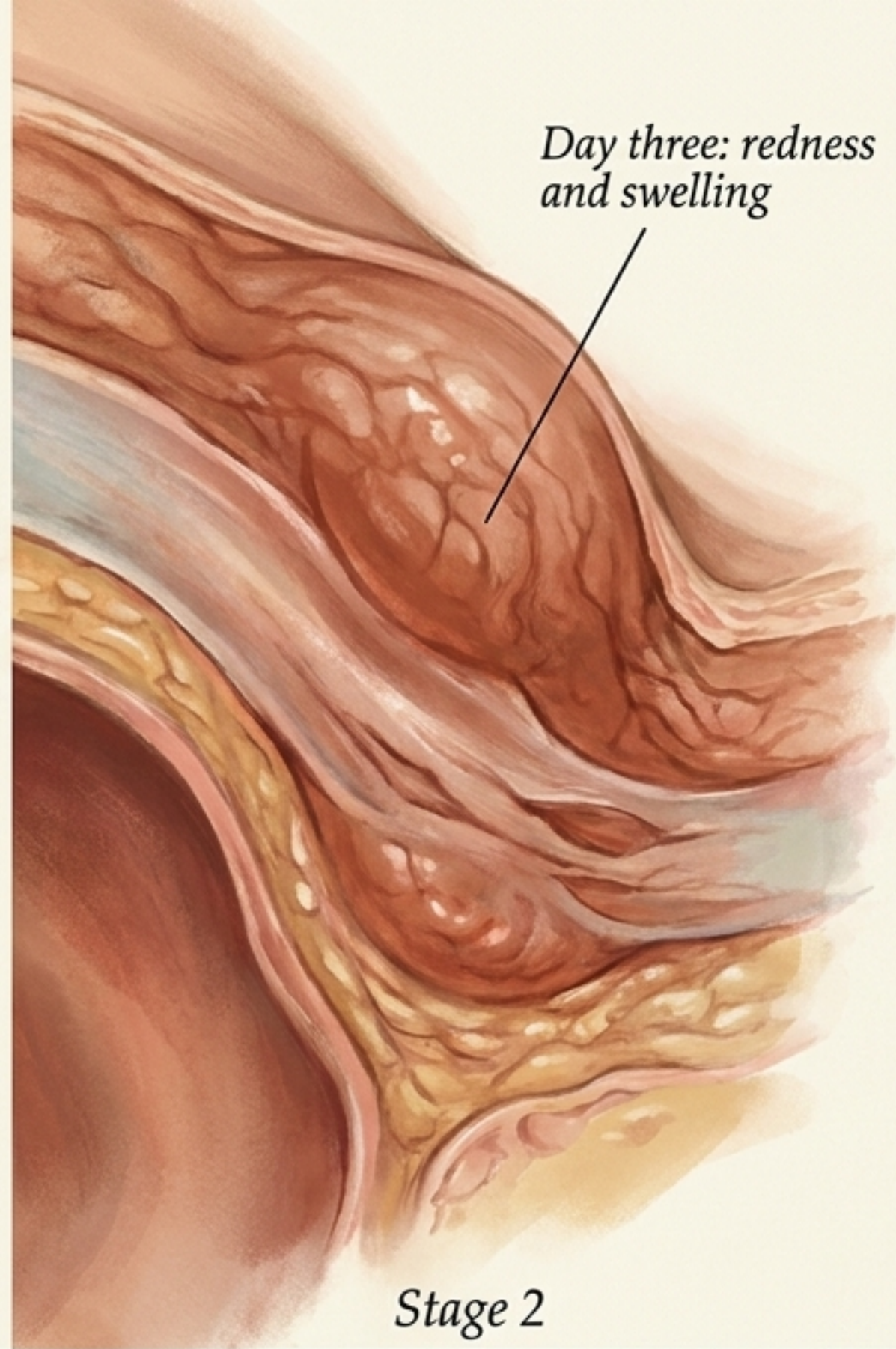




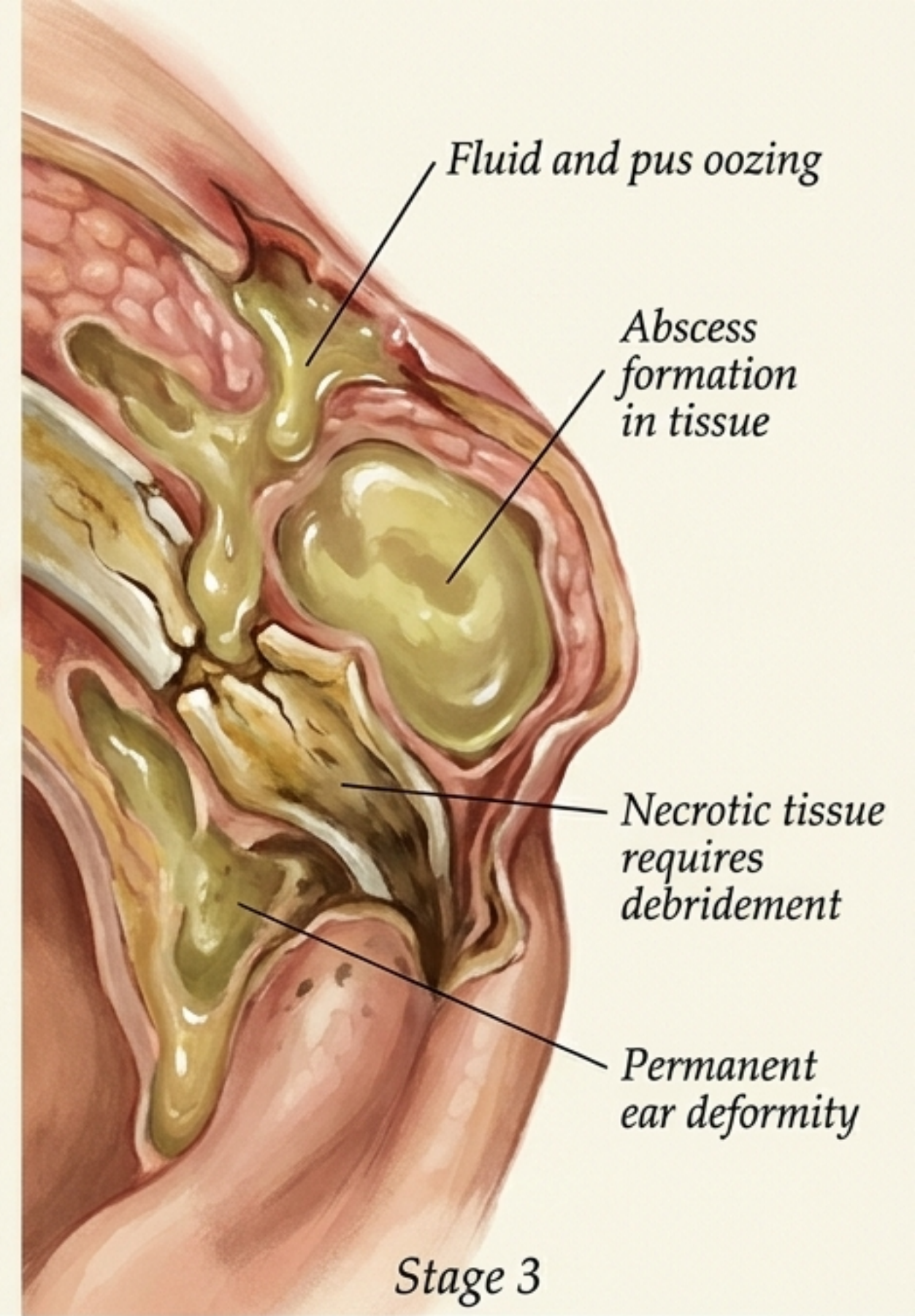
*Fresh cartilage
piercing*

Stage 1



*Day three: redness
and swelling*

Stage 2



Fluid and pus oozing

*Abscess
formation
in tissue*

*Necrotic tissue
requires
debridement*

*Permanent
ear deformity*

Stage 3

Delayed treatment of perichondritis leads to abscess formation, loss of cartilage, and disfigurement.

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