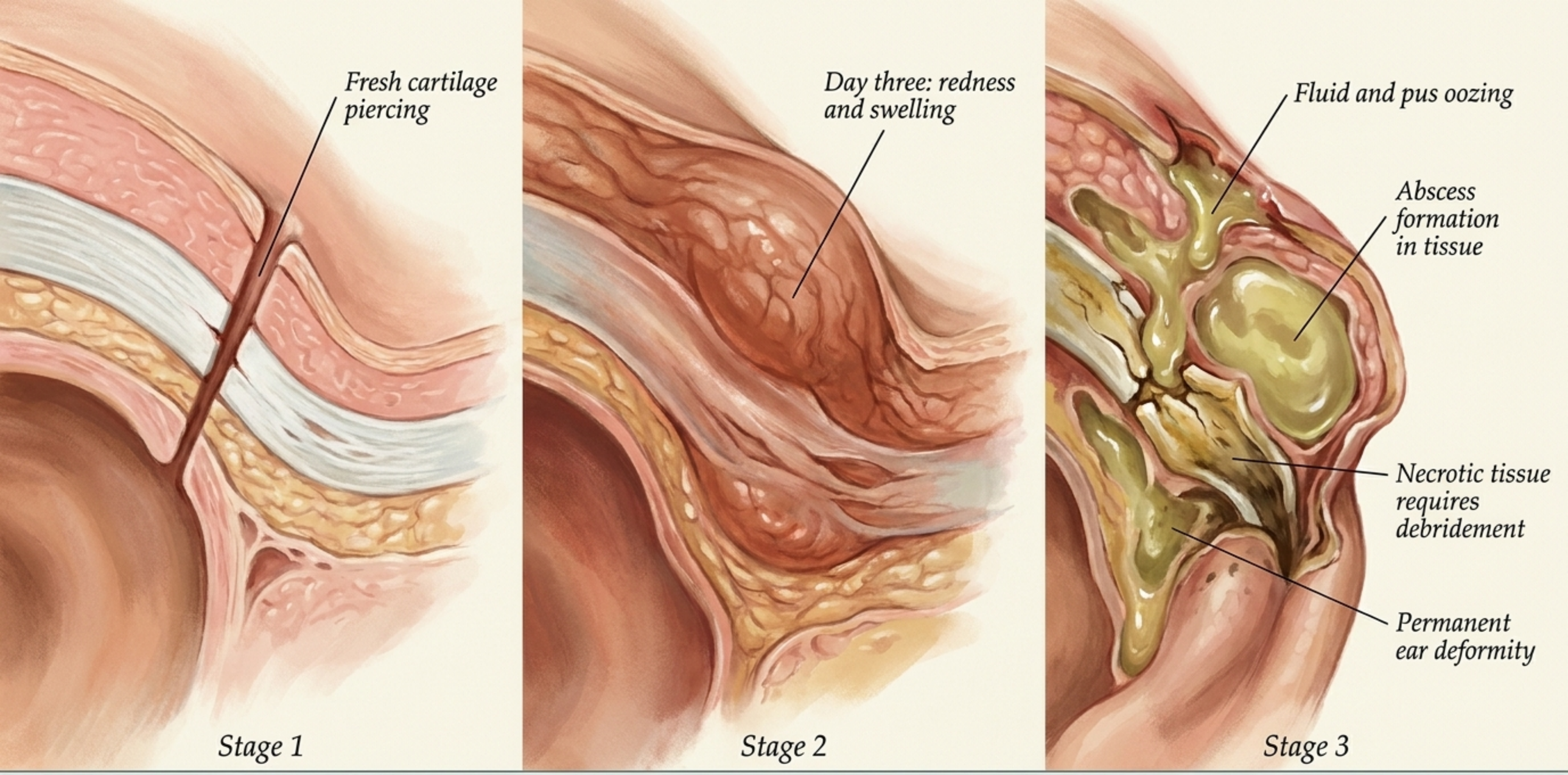

Delayed treatment of perichondritis leads to abscess formation, loss of cartilage, and disfigurement.

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