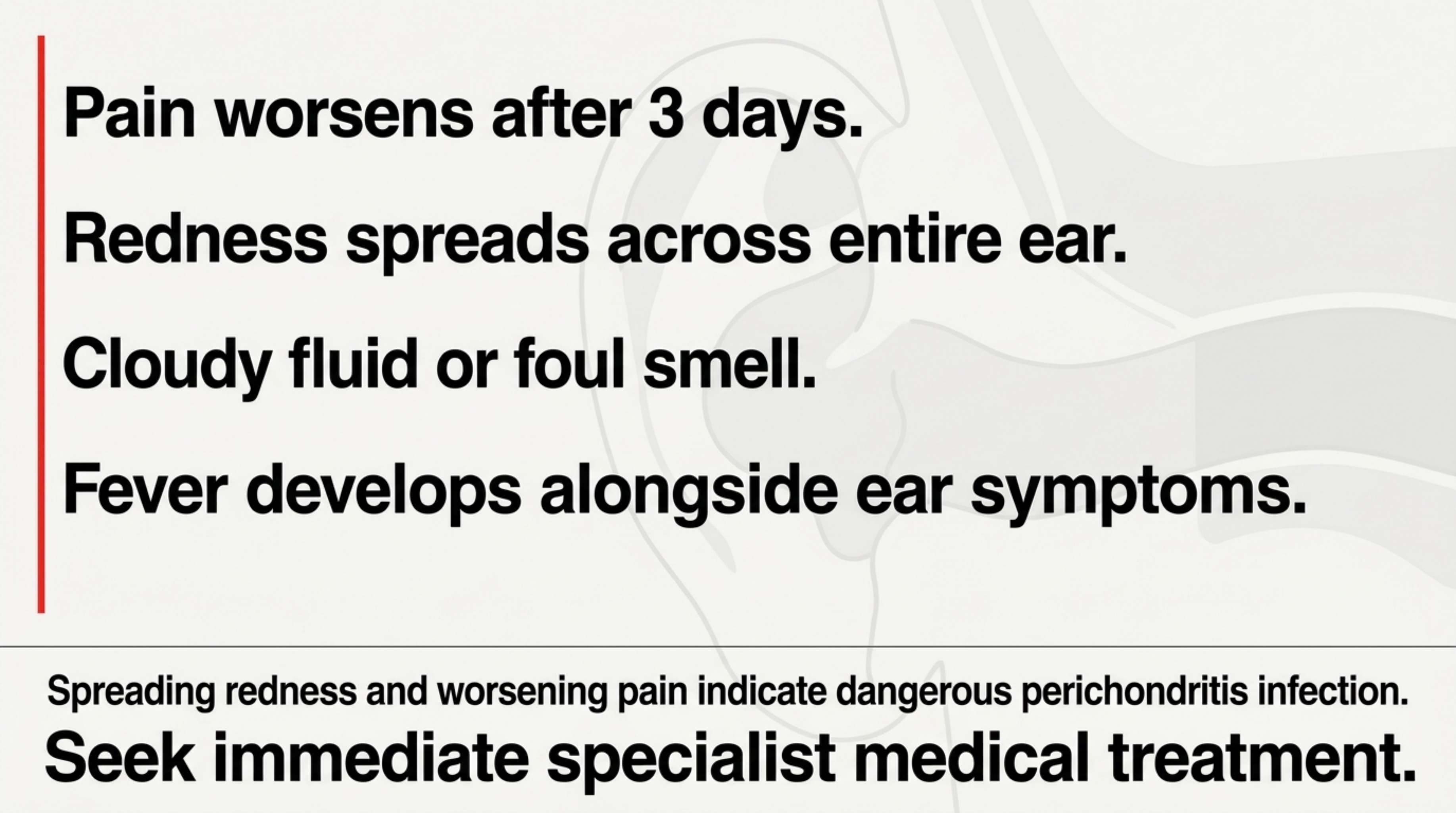




Pain worsens after 3 days.

Redness spreads across entire ear.

Cloudy fluid or foul smell.

Fever develops alongside ear symptoms.

Spreading redness and worsening pain indicate dangerous perichondritis infection.

Seek immediate specialist medical treatment.