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A 13-year-old girl complained of a painful right ear lobe of three days duration. She tried to remove the ear ring and had to abandon the attempt when it started to bleed. Examination showed the right ear lobe was swollen and tender on palpation (**Panel**). The swelling was firm, with an area of hardness palpable in the centre. There was no pus or discharge from the swelling. On the posterior aspect of right ear lobule, there was a pointed golden needle pin noted (**Panel**).

What is the diagnosis?

Answer: refer to page 189

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