MYRINGOPLASTY, TYMPANOPLASTY, MASTOID SURGERY AND OTHER OPERATIONS FOR CORRECTION OF CHRONIC EAR INFECTION

(Operations to eliminate middle ear and/or mastoid infection, to repair the ear drum and/or to repair the sounds transmission mechanism)

RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS OF SURGERY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

Ear Infection, Cholesteatoma Formation, or Recurrence
Ear infection, with drainage, swelling and pain, may occur or persist following surgery. Additional surgery might be necessary to control the infection. Cholesteatoma (skin growth in the ear) may form or recur and require further surgery. Residual perforation of the ear drum may occur after surgery.

Loss of Hearing
Further permanent impairment of hearing may develop in the patient due to problems in the healing process. This loss of hearing may be severe to total in the operated ear. Nothing further can be done in these instances. When a two-stage operation is necessary, the hearing is usually worse after the first operation.

Tinnitus
Should the hearing be worse following surgery, tinnitus (head noise) likewise may be more pronounced.

Dizziness
Dizziness may occur immediately following surgery due to irritation of the inner ear structures. Some unsteadiness may persist for a week postoperatively. Prolonged or permanent dizziness may occur.

Taste Disturbance and Mouth Dryness
Taste disturbance and mouth dryness is not uncommon for a few weeks following surgery. In some patients this disturbance is permanent.

Facial Paralysis
On rare occasions, the nerve may be injured at the time of surgery or it may be necessary to excise it in order to eradicate infection. When this happens, a skin sensation nerve is removed from the upper part of the neck to replace the facial nerve. Paralysis of the face under these circumstances lasts six months to a year and there would be a permanent residual weakness. Eye complication requiring further treatment and surgery may develop.

Hematoma
A hematoma (collection of blood) develops in a small percentage of cases, prolonging healing. Reoperation to remove the clot may be necessary if this complication occurs.
General Anesthesia Complications
Anesthetic complications are very rare, but can be serious. You may discuss these with the anesthesiologist if desired.

Complications Related to Mastoid Surgery
A cerebrospinal fluid leak (leak of the fluid surrounding the brain) is a possible complication. Reoperation may be necessary to stop the leak. Intracranial (brain) complications such as meningitis or brain abscess, every paralysis may occur.

I HAVE READ, I UNDERSTAND, I HAVE CONSIDERED AND ACCEPTED THE RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS OF THIS SURGERY AS STATED ABOVE. ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF TREATMENT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ME. POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ME AND EXPLAINED.

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