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Otolaryngology
Head And Neck Surgery
Facial Plastic Surgery
Allergy, Asthma, Immunology

Patient Name: _____

Doctor Name: _____

Request for Surgery

RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS OF TONSILLECTOMY AND ADENOIDECTOMY

The following are the possible complications and risks associated with this procedure. In addition to those listed here, there may be some unforeseen complications as there are with any operative procedure.

Hemorrhage: This is a major risk of tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy. Although not common, should this occur, hospitalization, additional surgery and/or blood transfusions may be necessary. Death from hemorrhage is an extremely rare complication.

Injury to the teeth and/or tissues of the mouth and throat: This can occur as a result of surgery. It is rare for any permanent or serious injury to result.

Possible burns to the lip

Change in speech or voice: Hypernasality or "talking through the nose" occasionally may follow surgery. It usually resolves without treatment but speech therapy may occasionally be needed.

Regurgitation of fluids through the nose: An unusual complication of removing tonsils and/or adenoids. It is usually temporary but in rare circumstances may become permanent.

Scar formation in the back portion of the nose: This can be caused by unusual or abnormal healing. This is a very rare complication and might require additional surgery.

Possible regrowth of tissue in the future: Regrowth of tonsils and/or adenoids can occur. This is more common in very young patients or patients with allergies.

General Anesthesia: There are risks involved with general anesthesia and you should discuss these with the anesthesiologist.

Local Anesthesia: Local anesthesia may have risks including allergic reactions or other unfavorable reactions.

I have read, understand and considered the risks and complications of Tonsillectomy and

Adenoidectomy _____

Patient's Name: _____

Patient's signature (or Patient's guardian signature): _____

Witness: _____

Physician: _____

Date: _____