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RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS MASTOIDECTOMY AND TYMPANOPLASTY

The following are the possible complications and risks associated with mastoidectomy and tympanoplasty and include staged reconstruction procedures. In addition to the complications and risks listed below, there may be unforeseen complications with any operative procedure.

- **Dizziness:** Some unsteadiness is common the first few days after surgery. Dizziness with sudden head motion may persist for several weeks. Dizziness may be prolonged on rare occasions.
- **Taste disturbance and mouth dryness:** These are not uncommon for a few weeks after surgery and may be prolonged in 5 percent of patients.
- **Hearing loss:** Further hearing loss develops in 2 percent of patients due to some complication in the healing process. In 1 percent of patients, this hearing loss is severe and may prevent use of a hearing aid in the operated ear. In some cases, a secondary procedure may be necessary to improve hearing.
- **Tinnitus (head noise):** If hearing loss decreases after surgery, tinnitus may be more noticeable.
- **Infection:** Infection occurs rarely after surgery. Should infection develop, however, it could lead to meningitis (an infection in the fluid and tissues surrounding the brain), which could require prolonged hospital treatment. Fortunately, meningitis is a very rare complication.
- **Weakness of the face:** Temporary weakness of one side of the face is a rare complication of ear surgery. It may occur as the result of an abnormality or a swelling of a facial nerve. Permanent paralysis of a facial nerve is extremely rare. Eye complications, which require treatment by a specialist, could develop.
- **Hematoma (collection of blood under the skin incision):** Hematomas develop in a small percentage of cases and require prolonged hospitalization and healing. Surgical removal of the clot may be necessary if a hematoma occurs.
- **Failure of the eardrum to heal:** Failure of the eardrum to heal is usually associated with infection and occurs in approximately 5 percent of cases.
- **General anesthesia complications:** These are risks associated with any anesthesia. You may discuss anesthetic risks with your anesthesiologist.

I have read, understand, and considered the risks and complications of surgery and accept them. I have been given written postoperative instructions to take with me. I understand these instructions and will follow them to the best of my ability.

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness _____