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### **STAPEDECTOMY, TYMPANOTOMY, EXPLORATORY TYPE OF OPERATION**

The following are the possible complications and risk associated with these procedures. In addition to those listed, there may be some unforeseen complications with any operative procedure.

- **Dizziness:** Some unsteadiness is common during the first few postoperative days. Dizziness on sudden head motion may persist for several weeks. On rare occasions, dizziness is prolonged.
- **Taste Disturbance and Mouth Dryness** is not uncommon for a few weeks following surgery. In 5% of the patients, this disturbance is prolonged.
- **Loss of Hearing:** Further hearing loss develops in 2% of patients due to some complications in the healing process. In 1%, this hearing loss is very severe and may prevent the use of a hearing aid in the operated ear.
- **Tinnitus:** Should the hearing be worse following stapedectomy, tinnitus (head noise) likewise may be more pronounced.
- **Eardrum Perforation:** A perforation (hole) in the eardrum membrane develops in less than 1% of the patients and is usually due to an infection. Fortunately, the membrane may heal spontaneously. If healing does not occur, surgical repair (myringoplasty) may be required.
- **Weakness of the Face:** A very rare complication of stapedectomy is temporary weakness of the face. This may occur as the result of abnormality or swelling of the facial nerve.
- **General Anesthesia:** There 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 this 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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