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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 OTOPLASTY

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.

Bleeding / Hematoma: Bleeding may rarely occur after this procedure. This may develop a collection of blood known as a hematoma. This may require additional surgery to open the incision and control the bleeding.

Infection: Infection may occur after this procedure. Antibiotics will be given to prevent this from occurring but there is always the possibility that an infection may still occur.

Suture extrusion or breakage: Sutures are used during the procedure to hold the ears in place. Sometimes, these sutures may break affecting the final result. Additional surgery may be necessary to correct this. Sometimes, the sutures may extrude (come out) months after surgery. These can easily be removed in the office and additional surgery is rarely needed.

Appearance: The ears will look pulled back more than normal immediately after the procedure. They will slowly move away from the head over the next year of healing to their final position. Rarely, the ears may protrude more than expected after the year of healing has elapsed possibly requiring additional surgery.

Swelling/Edema: Swelling will usually be present after surgery and may take 1-2 weeks to resolve.

Numbness: The ears may be numb after this procedure. This is usually temporary and rarely may be permanent.

Skin Discoloration: May occur after surgery including pale appearing scars or darkened scars. This occurs rarely and may require additional procedures to correct this.

Poor Scars: May occur in rare cases. Steroid injections or revision surgery may be necessary to correct this.

Milia: Small cysts may develop around the incision lines in some cases. These can be easily removed in the office should they occur.

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 Otoplasty

Patient's Name: _____

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

Witness: _____

Physician: _____

Date: _____