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Sinus surgery and septoplasty consent form

The complications related to the surgery involve the proximity of important structures. Severe sinus disease also has risk of complications. Possible complications include (but are not limited to):

1. Bleeding
2. Infection
3. Residual or Recurrent disease
4. Anosmia (loss of smell) partial or complete
5. Injury to the orbit and eye muscles and their nerves, affecting eye motion
6. Injury to the intracranial contents (brain and coverings)
7. Leakage of spinal fluid and meningitis
8. Injury to the optic nerve (possible loss of vision)
9. Need for an emergency external incision
10. Excessive tearing
11. Change in voice character (could be an issue for singers or those who use voice professionally)
12. Septal perforation (hole in septum). This rarely leads to crusting, whistling sounds, or recurrent bleeding, but in most people causes no significant problems. In rare cases if infection develops, this can lead to a alteration in nasal appearance.
13. Residual or recurrent nasal airway obstruction
14. Change in nasal appearance

I understand this surgery is elective (optional) and my alternatives include not having surgery. I have read the above information and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction

Patient, Parent, or Guardian

Date

Copy given to patient