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## Ear Surgery Consent Form Mastoidectomy Surgery

Complications of ear surgery can occur days, months or even years following surgery.

Possible risks include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Failure to achieve objective of the ear operation (ie failure to achieve hearing improvement, eradicate the disease process)
- 2) Cholesteatoma may recur
- 3) Post operative perforation (hole) of the eardrum
- 4) Facial weakness or paralysis
- 5) Stenosis (narrowing) of the ear canal
- 6) Development of hearing loss, including total deafness in the operated ear
- 7) Development of unsteadiness or vertigo, either immediate or delayed
- 8) Tinnitus (ringing or noise in the ear or head)
- 9) Alteration of sense of taste (eg metallic taste on tongue)
- 10) Bleeding or infection

Some patients require a 2<sup>nd</sup> look operation approximately one year after the initial surgery to determine if the cholesteatoma has recurred. Hearing reconstruction may be performed during the second operation. In this case, hearing may be reduced during the period between the two surgeries.

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

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Patient, Parent, or Guardian

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Date

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