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Endoscopic Surgery of the Throat, Airway and/ or Digestive Tract – Consent Form

Possible complications may occur, immediately or delayed. Risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Injury to lips, teeth, tongue or dental implants/caps including loosening or loss of teeth, temporary or permanent.
2. Scratches or tears of the tissue of mouth or throat (lip, gums, mouth, tongue)
3. Bleeding, due to the surgery or the disease. This could require further surgery if it doesn't stop.
4. Perforation or tear of the larynx (voice box) or esophagus (swallowing tube) which could lead to serious infection, possibly requiring further surgery.
5. Perforation or tear of the bronchus (air passage to the lung), which could result in partial collapse of the lung, possibly requiring a chest tube or even chest surgery.
6. Airway obstruction from the procedure or the disease. In rare instances, a tracheotomy (breathing tube placed in the neck) may need to be placed on a temporary basis in order to breathe until the swelling subsides.
7. Surgery for removing of a foreign body may result in a failure to identify the object at the time of surgery or damage from the object.
8. Change in voice quality or hoarseness. This may be temporary or permanent, especially if disease is extensive.
9. If the laser is used, this is a risk of burns or fire.

I have read and understand the above information and all of my questions are answered.

Your alternatives include not having surgery. If no cancer is present, then not having surgery may have no effect on you. However, if cancer is present, the risk of not having surgery includes a delay of diagnosis, with tumor growth and spread of tumor making cure more difficult.

Patient, Parent or Guardian

Date

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