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MYRINGOTOMY AND TYMPANOSOTOMY TUBE INSERTION

Your doctor has determined that you, or your child, for whom you are legally responsible, have a condition of the ear that requires surgery. The operation is called myringotomy with tube insertion. This operation is usually done to alleviate persistent or recurrent ear infection. A myringotomy consists of making a small opening in the eardrum. A ventilation tube is then placed into the opening of the eardrum.

Complications from this procedure are uncommon, but they can occur. It is possible that the patient will not be helped by the procedure. Because of these facts you doctor can make no guarantee as to the result that might be obtained. However, in the vast majority of patients, the desired result is achieved.

Possible complications include infection with drainage from the ears and bleeding. Most types of tubes will extrude from the eardrum after several months (some types of tubes may need to be removed). The hole left in the eardrum quickly heals in the great majority of patients. In a small percentage of patients the hole may not heal and further surgery to repair it may be necessary. Very rarely the procedure could produce damage to the tiny ear bones resulting in permanent hearing loss. Other rare complications include dizziness, damage to the nerve supplying the facial paralysis, and formation of a cyst or tumor in the middle ear space. Anesthesia risks can occur but are unlikely.

There may be alternatives to the surgery, such as the continued use of drug therapy. The alternatives carry their own risk of complications and varying degree of success. Delaying the operation may result in further ear problems.

I CERTIFY that I have read or had read or had read to me the contents of this form. I understand the risks, benefits, alternative and possible complications involved in the procedure and I agree and wish to proceed.

Patient/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Patient Account #: _____

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