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TONSILLECTOMY

You are considering an operation called Tonsillectomy. Tonsils are lymph glands located on either side of the throat. Tonsillectomy is rarely an emergency. Delaying the operation may result in further ear, nose and throat infections or problems; however the cause of a serious complication resulting from delaying the operation is quite small.

Complications are unlikely, but they do occasionally occur. It is possible that this operation may not help you; a very small percentage of patients are even worse after the operation than they were prior to it. Because of these facts, your doctor can make no guarantee as to the result desired from the operation is achieved.

Tonsillectomy can be complicated by bleeding and infection. These complications can result in prolonged illness, the need for blood transfusions and very rarely even death. Other possible complication include velopharyngeal insufficiency (overly nasal speech), damage to the lip or teeth and complication from anesthesia.

There are alternatives to this operation, such as the continued use of drug therapy. The alternatives carry their own risk of complications and varying degree of success.

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

Patient/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

Patient Account #: _____

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