



## **STAPEDECTOMY, TYMPANOTOMY, AND STAPES EXPLORATION TYPE OF OPERATION**

PATIENT:

SURGERY DATE:

TIME OF SURGERY:

BENEFITS:

### **RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS OF SURGERY:**

The following are the possible complications and risks associated with these procedures. In addition to those listed, there may be some unforeseen complications with any operative procedure.

**Dizziness:** Some unsteadiness is common during the first few postoperative days; dizziness on sudden head movement may persist for several weeks. On rare occasions, dizziness is prolonged.

**Taste Disturbance and Mouth Dryness:** is not uncommon for a few weeks following surgery. In 5% of the patients, this disturbance is prolonged.

**Loss of Hearing:** Further hearing loss develops in 2% of the patient population. This is due to some complications in the healing process. In 1% this hearing loss is very severe and may prevent the use of hearing aid in the operative ear.

**Tinnitus:** Should the hearing be worse following surgery, tinnitus (head noise) likewise may be more pronounced.

**Eardrum Perforation:** A perforation (hole) in the eardrum develops in less than 1% and is usually due to an infection. Fortunately, the membrane may heal spontaneously. If the healing does not occur, surgical repair (myringoplasty) may be required.

**Facial Weakness:** A very rare complication of stapedotomy surgery is temporary weakness of the face. This may occur as the result of an abnormality or swelling of the facial nerve.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

No surgery; Hearing amplification

I have read, understand, and considered the risks and complications of this surgery and accept them.

SIGNED:

DATE:

WITNESS: