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**DESCRIPTION OF SURGICAL RISKS FOR
MYRINGOTOMY AND INSERTION OF VENTILATION TUBES**

Right Left

The following are possible complications and risks associated with these procedures. In addition, all surgical procedures incur the risks of anesthesia, bleeding, wound infections, cosmetic deformity, scars, and unforeseen/uncommon complications.

Infection/Ear drainage: Ear infections occur following tube insertion in 15-20% of patients. It typically presents as pus or bloody drainage from the ear and is usually well controlled with topical +/- oral antibiotics.

Hearing Loss: It is very rare, yet possible, to develop permanent hearing loss following ventilation tube insertion.

Eardrum Perforation: Ventilation tubes are designed to maintain a temporary perforation in the eardrum. Once the tube falls out, most perforations heal spontaneously. Approximately 10% of patients are left with persistent perforations that may need to be repaired surgically.

Cholesteatoma: Very rarely, skin from the ear canal or eardrum migrates along the tube surface and enters the middle ear (behind the ear drum) where it can form a skin cyst. If this occurs, an operation is required to remove the cyst.

Early extrusion of the tube: Most tubes stay in the eardrum for 6-18 months. Some longer lasting tubes can last several years. It is difficult to predict how long any given tube will remain in the eardrum.

My physician and his staff have made themselves available to answer my questions. I have read, understand, and carefully considered the risks and complications of this surgery, and I accept them.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Provider Signature: _____ ID#: _____ Date: _____ Military Time: _____