The following is a list of possible complications in your proposed surgery. Though some complications are more rare than others, they could occur. In any human endeavor, there are many unknowns. Hence, it is impossible to have a complete list of all possible complications. If you are not satisfied with any explanation, please feel free to postpone the surgery until you believe that the potential benefit of the surgery outweighs the risks. If you would like, we encourage you to obtain a second opinion. Please discuss possible anesthesia complications with the anesthesiologist, as he/she is responsible for the delivery of the anesthesia. In cases where there is a pathologist for interpretation, it is the responsibility of the pathologist to render the diagnosis. If you have concerns or desire further explanation, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Base of Tongue Reduction / Lingual Tonsillectomy / Possible Tracheostomy**

1. Pain and odor  
2. Infection  
3. Bleeding and hematoma  
4. Numbness  
5. Allergic reaction to medicine or materials  
6. Dehydration  
7. Stiff neck  
8. Loss or altered sense of taste  
9. Temporary or permanent vocal change  
10. Headache  
11. Earache  
12. Scarring of the tongue  
13. Lip, gum, teeth, neck injury  
14. Tongue paralysis  
15. Tongue swelling resulting in difficulty in breathing and potential need for emergency tracheostomy  
16. Swallowing problems  
17. Failure to cure/reduce sleep apnea

I have read and understood this form. ________ (Initial)

I have received answers to all my questions to my satisfaction. ________ (Initial)

I understand and accept the risks associated with this surgery and wish to proceed.

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Name of Patient Signature of Patient or Guardian

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Date

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