RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS OF PROCEDURE

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.

Surgery of the Neck – Thyroglossal Duct Cyst Excision (Sistrunk)
(Removal of Midline Neck Mass, Possible Thyroid Isthmusectomy, Possible Central Hyoid Bone Removal, Possible Base of Tongue Dissection)

1. Pain
2. Wound infection
3. Bleeding
4. Numbness
5. Scarring
6. Failure of the surgery
7. Allergic reaction to medicine/material
8. Recurrence
9. Paralysis
10. Hoarseness
11. Pharyngeal Wall Perforation
12. Fistula
13. Swallowing Difficulty

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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