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.

**Tonsillectomy and/or Adenoidectomy**

1. Pain and odor (bad breath)
2. Infection
3. Bleeding
4. Numbness
5. Allergic reaction to medicine or material
6. Dehydration
7. Stiff neck
8. Failure of the surgery
9. Loss of sense of taste and smell
10. Headache
11. Earache
12. Lip, gum, teeth, neck injury
13. Nasal speech
14. Stenosis of the throat and/or nasopharynx
15. Uvular swelling
16. Nasal food/liquid regurgitation

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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