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.

Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (UPPP)

1. Pain and odor  
2. Infection  
3. Bleeding  
4. Numbness  
5. Allergic reaction to medicine or materials  
6. Dehydration  
7. Stiff neck  
8. Loss of sense of taste  
9. Temporary or permanent vocal change  
10. Headache  
11. Earache  
12. Scarring of the throat and soft palate  
13. Lip, gum, teeth, neck injury  
14. Nasopharyngeal incompetence  
15. Failure to cure sleep apnea leading to “silent apnea” or apnea without snoring

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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