

Arizona Hearing & Balance Center

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Myringotomies, Tubes, Adenoidectomy & Tonsillectomy Risks & Results

Your child's problems may be helped by surgery. As with any surgery, there are gains but also risks. The following information will help you understand the results and risks of the above surgeries.

HEARING:

Most children regain their hearing by undergoing myringotomy and tube placement; however, one out of four has a recurrence of fluid, and may need surgery again. Eventually 95% of children are cured and have good hearing. In rare instances the hearing could be worse.

INFECTION:

After tubes are placed in the ear drum, 5% to 10% of the children may have an ear infection with drainage through the tube. Medicine and ear irrigations usually clear the infection.

PERFORATION:

Although tubes are displaced by the ear drum naturally, in 1% of children a hole may remain in the ear drum. In some cases, the hole is good since it acts as a tube. But in others the ear drum must be repaired by a surgery called tympanoplasty.

BLEEDING:

After an adenoidectomy or tonsillectomy bleeding may occur. Usually the bleeding stops by itself, but it is necessary in 3% of cases to take the patient to the operating room to control the bleeding.

ANESTHESIA:

Although general anesthesia is used for these surgeries, the risk of problems from anesthesia is less than 1%.

DEHYDRATION:

Dehydration, or lack of fluids, occasionally occurs when swallowing is difficult following removal of the tonsils and/or adenoids. Fluids should be encouraged.

VELOPHARYNGEAL INSUFFICIENCY:

In rare cases, when the adenoids are removed the palate does not come up and completely block the back of the nose. This can cause trouble with voice and occasionally trouble with food. This is a rare complication, but it does happen. It can cause changes in the voice and trouble with eating. This risk is less than 2%.

Our goal in performing surgery is to provide your child with the best chance for success with the least risk of failure. Like other aspects of life, there are no guarantees. If by chance the problem recurs or your child has a bad result after surgery, we will do our best to treat the problem. Please let Dr. Fucci or our staff know if you have any questions.

Myringotomies, Tubes, Adenoidectomy & Tonsillectomy - Results & Risks Informed Consent

Our intent is to make sure you understand your or your child's surgery

(Please Circle)

1. Do you understand the type of surgery you will have?
Yes No

2. Do you know the purpose of the surgery?
Yes No

3. Were you told what we expect to accomplish?
Yes No

4. Do you have a copy of Myringotomies, Tubes, Adenoidectomy & Tonsillectomy – Results & Risks?
Yes No

5. Have you read Myringotomies, Tubes, Adenoidectomy & Tonsillectomy -Results & Risks?
Yes No

6. Do you understand Myringotomies, Tubes, Adenoidectomy & Tonsillectomy Results & Risks?
Yes No

7. Do you understand there are no guarantees?
Yes No

8. Are you satisfied that all your questions have been answered?
Yes No

9. Are you allergic to any medications?
Yes No

If yes, please list:

Your surgeon will be:

I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED
“MYRINGOTOMIES, TUBES, ADENOIDECTOMY & TONSILLECTOMY – RESULTS & RISKS” I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS DOCUMENT AND
HAVE HAD ALL MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

I HEARBY AUTHORIZE ARIZONA HEARING & BALANCE CENTER, ITS PHYSICIANS, NURSES, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS TO PERFORM THE SURGERY REFERRED TO HEREIN. I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE RISKS AND REWARDS OF SUCH SURGERY WITH DR. FUCCI WHO HAS EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURE AND HAS ANSWERED ALL OF MY QUESTIONS TO MY SATISFACTION.

Patient's Name:

Date of Surgery:

Patient is scheduled for:

Signature: _____ DOB _____