

# Arizona Hearing & Balance Center

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## POST-AURICULAR LABYRINTHECTOMY

*You or your child's problems maybe 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 LOSS:**

Labyrinthectomy results in total loss of hearing in the surgical ear in 100% of cases.

Sacculotomy results in total loss of hearing in the surgical ear in 80% of cases.

### **DIZZINESS:**

Dizziness is common following this surgery and may be severe for a few weeks. Imbalance or unsteadiness with head motion is prolonged in some patients.

### **TINNITUS:**

Tinnitus (head noise) may be worse following surgery.

### **TASTE DISTURBANCE & MOUTH DRYNESS:**

Taste disturbance and mouth dryness is not uncommon for a few weeks following surgery. In some patients this disturbance is prolonged.

### **FACIAL PARALYSIS:**

Temporary weakness of one side of the face is a rare postoperative complication. It may occur as the result of an abnormality or a swelling of the nerve, or nerve damage, and may require further surgery. Eye complications, require treatment by a specialist, could develop.

### **GENERAL ANESTHESIA COMPLICATIONS:**

Anesthetic complications are very rare, but can be serious. You may discuss these with the anesthesiologist if desired.

### **COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO POST-AURICULAR LABYRINTHECTOMY:**

A hematoma (collection of blood) develops in a small percentage of cases, prolonging healing. Re-operation to remove the clot may be necessary if this complication occurs.

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**Post-auricular Labyrinthectomy – Results & Risks Informed Consent**

*Our intent is to make sure you understand you 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 Post-auricular Labyrinthectomy-  
Results & Risks?  
Yes    No
5. Have you read Post-auricular Labyrinthectomy-Results & Risks?  
Yes    No
6. Do you understand Post-auricular Labyrinthectomy-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 "**POST-AURICULAR LABYRINTHECTOMY – RESULTS & RISKS.**" I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND 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 \_\_\_\_\_