

POSSIBLE RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY

All surgical procedures have risks, benefits, alternatives, limitations and complication. The following risks and complications have been discussed with the patient regarding this surgical procedure include:

1. Bleeding- mild to moderate bleeding is expected up to 48 hours after surgery, significant bleeding may require placement of nasal packing or on rare occasions require control of bleeding in the operating room
2. Infection
3. Injury to tear duct or sac resulting in tearing of the eyes. This may require further surgery
4. Need for frequent post-surgical visits for cleaning, to help prevent the disease from returning
5. External scar if an external incision is needed
6. Drainage of brain spinal fluid from the nose may occur. Further surgery may be needed.
7. Numbness of the teeth/cheek or near any external cuts or if an oral incision is needed
8. Reactions to anesthesia
9. Blindness or near vision changes. The patient should call the office immediately if vision changes after surgery.
10. Meningitis (Brain infection)- Symptoms include neck stiffness and pain, fever and headache.
11. Voice changes due to airflow changes between the nose and mouth.
12. Change in sense of smell and/or taste.
13. Unexpected cardiac, pulmonary or kidney changes from anesthesia or medications given during surgery.
14. Need for future medical (antibiotics) and surgical care

Other alternatives have been discussed with the patient and he/she has agreed to this procedure.

Patient Signature

Date

Physician Signature

Witness Signature