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MEDICAL RECORD#

DOB

NAME

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**DESCRIPTION OF SURGICAL RISKS FOR  
REMOVAL OF FACIAL CYST**

Right    Left

*The following are possible complications and risks associated with these procedures. In addition, all surgical procedures incur the risks of anesthesia, bleeding, wound infections, cosmetic deformity, scars, and unforeseen/uncommon complications.*

**Infection:** Infection with drainage, swelling, and pain may persist following surgery or on rare occasions may develop following surgery due to poor healing of surrounding tissues. Were this to be the case, antibiotics and additional surgery may be necessary to control the infection.

**Numbness along the incision:** Sensation to the skin can be disrupted for 2-3 months following surgery. It will return in 90-95% of patients by the end of 3 months.

**Hematoma/Bleeding:** A hematoma is a collection of blood under the skin. An operation to remove the clot may be necessary if this complication occurs and may prolong hospitalization and wound healing.

**Facial Paralysis:** Your MRI scan shows the lesion to be separate from the parotid gland and away from main branches of the facial nerve. However, small branches such as the branch to the forehead are within the surgical field and can be injured.

**Anesthetic Complications:** You will meet your anesthetist/anesthesiologist the day of surgery. Please discuss the type of anesthesia, use of perioperative medications, and complications with him/her.

**Scars/Cosmetic Concerns:** We will make every effort to minimize the resulting scar from your procedure, but please realize that all incisions leave scars.

**My physician and his staff have made themselves available to answer my questions. I have read, understand, and carefully considered the risks and complications of this surgery, and I accept them.**

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Time: \_\_\_\_\_