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NOSE AND SINUS SURGERY

WHY DO I NEED SURGERY?

Surgery will be done as the final option after other types of intervention have been tried and failed.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING SURGERY?

These procedures are done under general anesthesia. A CT scan will be obtained to allow us to identify the particulars of your sinus anatomy. When necessary, we use image guided techniques which allow us to pinpoint the location of instruments being used in this procedure.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER SURGERY?

Most patients who have had the surgery say that after the procedure they feel like they have a bad head cold for a few days. The nose will be tender to the touch for approximately one month. You may experience some numbness of the upper teeth.

We recommend that patients plan to take off approximately two weeks from work to allow sufficient time for healing.

WHAT ARE POSSIBLE RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS OF THE SURGERY?

The most common risk is bleeding. However, preoperative medication is administered which minimizes the inflammatory changes that cause bleeding. Other possible risks include blindness or damage to the cranial cavity, the lining of the brain or the brain itself. However, these are rare. The success rate of these procedures is approximately 85 to 90 percent. Unfortunately that means that 10 to 15 percent of the procedures are not successful.

If you have any further questions after having carefully read the above information, please feel free to discuss it with me in your preoperative evaluation, prior to any surgery. Remember, there are no dumb questions! We want you to be fully informed and comfortable prior to your surgery.

Please sign and return this form to our office when you come for your preoperative visit.

Respectfully yours,

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I understand the above information and consent to the surgery.

Patient Signature

Date

Patient Name-Printed