



**TONSILLECTOMY
PATIENT INFORMATION & CONSENT**

Removal of tonsils is one of the most frequently performed throat operations. It has proven to be a safe, effective surgical method to resolve breathing obstruction and throat infection, and manage recurrent childhood ear disease. Pain following surgery is an unpleasant side effect, which can reasonably be controlled with medication. It is similar to the pain patients have experienced with throat infections, but is often felt in the ears after surgery. There are also some risks associated with removal of tonsils. Post operative bleeding occurs in about 2 % of cases, most often immediately, although it can occur at anytime during the first 2 weeks after surgery. Treatment of bleeding is usually an outpatient procedure, but sometimes requires control in the operating room under general anesthesia. In rare cases, a blood transfusion may be recommended. Because swallowing is painful after surgery, there may be poor oral intake of fluids. If this cannot be corrected at home the patient may have to be admitted to the hospital for IV fluid replacement. Anesthetic complications are known to exist. They are quite uncommon, however, since patients are usually young and healthy.

Patient Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Witness _____