

**POSSIBLE RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO FUNCTIONAL
ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY**

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

1. Bleeding-Mild to moderate bleeding is expected up to 48 hours after surgery.
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 recurring.
5. May have an external scar if external approach is used.
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.
8. Reactions to anesthesia.
9. Blindness or near vision changes. The patient should call the ENT clinic immediately if vision decreases.
10. Meningitis- (Brain infection)-Symptoms include: Stiff painful neck, increase in temperature and headache.
11. Voice change due to airflow changes between 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 (like antibiotics) and surgical care.

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

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