



**RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS FOR SEPTOPLASTY AND TURBINATE
EXCISION**

All surgical procedures have risks and complications. The following risks and complications have been discussed with you and include possible:

1. Pain
2. Bleeding (approximately 1% chance of needing surgery for this)
3. Infection
4. Complete nasal obstruction from nasal packing (usually lasting 48 hours).
5. Change in appearance of nose or nasal deformity
6. Septal perforation (hole in septum) which may require surgery to repair
7. Drainage of brain spinal fluid from the nose
8. Failure to correct the nasal obstruction
9. Need for further surgery to correct nasal obstruction
10. Atrophic rhinitis or rhinitis sicca (dry and sometimes painful nose)
11. Risks of general anesthesia

Other alternatives have been discussed with you (including no surgery, medical treatment with nasal sprays, and less invasive surgery) and you have agreed to this procedure.

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