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Excision of Submandibular Gland Consent From Left Right

The complications related to the surgery involve the proximity of important structures. Possible risks include but are not limited to:

1. Bleeding or hematoma (collection of blood under the skin).
2. Infection.
3. Complication of wound healing including seroma (fluid collection), sensitivity or allergic reaction to suture material or drainage from the incision.
4. Nerve injury. There are many important nerves in this area. Injury to these nerves could result in temporary or even permanent problems, depending on the extent of injury. Trauma to the lower branch of the facial nerve may result in weakness or paralysis of the muscle which helps move the lower portion of the face/lip. This can cause a crooked smile, change in taste and altered kissing. Injury to the lingual nerve could cause numbness of the tongue. Injury to the hypoglossal nerve could affect tongue mobility, with difficulty with speech and eating. Fortunately, these injuries are uncommon. In cases where cancer is possible, sacrifice of some or all of these nerves may be necessary to remove the cancer.
5. Recurrence of disease requiring additional surgery or persistence of disease.
6. Chronic discomfort at the surgical site.

Your alternative is not to have surgery. The risk of not having surgery includes possible continued infections and/or delay in diagnosis or a tumor or tumor growth making cure more difficult.

I have read the above information and all of my questions have been answered.

Patient, Parent or Guardian

Date

Copy given to patient