



## **BONE-ANCHORED HEARING DEVICE SURGERY**

### **Risks and Complications of Surgery**

Your ear problem may be helped by a bone conductor implant. As with any surgery, there are not only gains but also risks. You must keep in mind that you may not benefit from the surgery. The following information will help you understand the results and risks.

Poor Healing or Loss of Skin: The implant is a foreign body which can cause a reaction to the surrounding skin. Infection can be a contributor to this problem. Periodically, the skin around the device may require treatment with an antibiotic.

Poor or Unsatisfactory Functioning of the Implant: You have been determined to be a good candidate who should receive significant hearing benefit from the implant. However, the implant can malfunction or simply fail to transmit sound effectively giving an unsatisfactory hearing result.

Numbness or Discomfort around Implant: Some patients may develop permanent numbness around the implant site. Rarely, discomfort may develop around the implant that may be permanent in nature.

Our goal in performing a bone conductor implant is to give you the best hearing possible with the least risk of failure. But like other aspects of life, there are no guarantees of success. If by chance you have a bad result after surgery, we will do our best to treat the problem. Please let me or the Dallas Ear Institute staff know if you have any questions.

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Patient or Parent/Guardian (if minor)

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