

Consent Form: Intratympanic Gentamicin Injections

RIGHT

LEFT

All procedures incur the risks of anesthesia, bleeding, wound infections, cosmetic deformity, scars, and unforeseen/uncommon complications. The following are some risks and complications specifically associated with your procedure.

- **Infection:** Infection with drainage, swelling, and pain are rare complications but may develop following the procedure due to poor healing. Oral or topical antibiotics are typically required; rarely, surgery may be necessary to control the infection.
- **Vertigo:** Sometimes, a severe vertigo spell can occur several days after each injection as the gentamicin destroys inner ear balance function on the injected side
- **Hearing Loss:** Occurs in up to 20-30% of patients. This may be permanent and irreversible.
- An **allergic reaction** to the medication is rare but is also a possible complication.
- **Persistent unsteadiness:** May occur in up to 10% of patients.
- **Reinjection with gentamicin may be necessary:** On average, 2-3 injections are needed to control vertigo symptoms in most patients. If vertigo control is not achieved after 5 injections, no further injections are performed.

By signing below, I acknowledge that my physician and his staff have made themselves available to answer my questions. In addition to verbal counseling during my visit(s) with personnel from Ear & Hearing at Center for Neurosciences, I have read, understand, and have carefully considered the risks and complications of this operation, and I accept them. There were no barriers to effective communication.

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____

Provider/Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____