



## **PERILYMPHATIC FISTULA**

### **Risks and Complications**

Your condition may be helped by an operation to pack the two windows of the inner ear. As with any surgery there are not only gains, but also risks. The risks are listed below.

**Dizziness:** Spinning vertigo may occur after this surgery and may take several days to improve. It will take several weeks to see the effects of this surgery.

**Facial Nerve Paralysis:** The facial nerve controls movement on one side of the face and runs through the ear. Paralysis of the face is a very rare complication of this procedure.

**Hearing:** It is common to sense decreased hearing for days to weeks after this surgery. Permanent hearing loss is rare. If this surgery is performed for hearing loss, it may take several weeks to see any beneficial effects.

**Infection:** After any surgery, infection is a potential complication. This is very rare after this surgery.

**ringing:** Ringing in the ear (tinnitus) is often present in patients undergoing this type of surgery. After surgery, ringing is usually less but can be worse and quite bothersome.

**Taste Disturbance:** The nerve that supplies one third of the taste to the tongue runs through the middle ear. Therefore, temporary taste disturbance occurs rarely after this surgery.

Our goal in performing a perilymphatic fistula repair is to improve the symptoms of vertigo or hearing loss. But like other aspects of life, there are no guarantees of success. If, by chance, you have had a bad result after surgery, we will do our best to treat the problem. Please let me or the staff of the Dallas Ear Institute know if you have any questions.

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Signature

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Date