



## **GENTAMICIN INNER EAR PERFUSION**

### **Risks and Complications of Procedure**

Your ear problem may be helped by a Gentamicin Inner Ear Perfusion. As with any surgery, there are not only gains but also risks. The following information will help you understand the results and risks.

Total Hearing Loss: This procedure is being done with the intent of preserving hearing. This medication selectively affects the nerve fibers of the balance function. However, further loss of hearing or even total hearing loss can occur with this procedure.

Persistence of Vertigo or Unsteadiness: In most patients with Meniere's disease this treatment can cure their vertigo attacks. Some patients do not absorb enough of the Gentamicin into their inner ear to be effective, and therefore the need for additional surgery to eradicate vertigo is possible. Temporary imbalance is common after successful treatment, but usually subsides in a few weeks. In some cases imbalance can last for months or, in rare cases, be permanent.

ringing in the Ear: Particularly if further hearing loss occurs, ringing in the ear can be worse.

Our goal in performing a Gentamicin Inner Ear Perfusion 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 the Dallas Ear Institute know if you have any questions.

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