



BONE ANCHORED HEARING AID INFORMED CONSENT

The most common complication of the BAHA (Bone Anchored Hearing Aid) is due to inadequate healing of the skin graft. The BAHA wound will generally heal with local wound care. In some cases, it might be necessary to revise the BAHA wound in the office or under a general anesthetic. The second most common BAHA complication is infection. At times antibiotics may be required after BAHA surgery. Rarely, the infection will require revision of the BAHA site either in the office or under anesthesia. With a severe infection, the BAHA implant might either fall out or have to be removed. Some numbness of the BAHA wound is common for several months and this generally improves with time. Rarely is numbness permanent. Pain at the BAHA implant site usually means that the implant site is not being cared for properly.

Anesthesia: There are risks associated with any type of anesthesia including but not limited to respiratory problems, drug reaction, brain damage or even death. Other risks and hazards that may result from the use of general anesthetics include but are not limited to minor discomfort due to injury to the vocal cords, teeth or eyes. You can discuss these risks with your anesthesiologist before your surgery.

I have been given an opportunity to ask questions about my condition, alternative forms of treatment, risks of nontreatment, the procedures to be used, and the risks and hazards involved, and I have sufficient information to give this informed consent. I certify this form has been fully explained to me, and I understand its contents. I understand every effort will be made to provide a positive outcome, but there are no guarantees.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____