





### Risk and Complication

1. There are always certain side effects and risks of complications of the procedure. Medical staff will take every preventive measure to reduce their likelihood.
2. Common Risks and Complications ( $\geq 1\%$  risk)
  - 2.1 Bleeding and hematoma
  - 2.2 Wound infection
  - 2.3 Numbness around pinna
  - 2.4 Frey's Syndrome causing sweating during eating
  - 2.5 Transient facial weakness
  - 2.6 Hypertrophic scar or keloid formation
  - 2.7 Cosmetic deformity
3. Uncommon Risks with Serious Consequences ( $< 1\%$  risk)
  - 3.1 Permanent facial weakness
  - 3.2 Recurrence
  - 3.3 Salivary fistula
  - 3.4 Skin necrosis
  - 3.5 Death due to serious surgical and anaesthetic complications
4. Consequences of No Treatment
  - 4.1 Tumour progression
  - 4.2 Recurrent infection

### Alternative Treatment / Investigation

1. Follow up with observation for benign lesion
2. Radiotherapy for malignant lesion
3. Antibiotic to treat infection

### Disclaimer

This leaflet only provides general information pertaining to this operation / procedure. While common risks and complications are described, the list is not exhaustive, and the degree of risk could also vary between patients. Please contact your doctor for detailed information and specific enquiry.

### Reference

Smart patient website by Hospital Authority: Parotidectomy (2/2020)

**Patient's Label**  
 Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospital No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Episode No: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_