



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 Complete destruction of residual hearing
 - 2.2 Postoperative vertigo-usually temporary
 - 2.3 Intracranial haematoma-requires a second operation to evacuate
 - 2.4 Facial nerve temporary or permanent paralysis-inability to smile, frown and close the eyes.
 - 2.5 Cerebrospinal fluid leakage-may need a second operation to stop the leak
 - 2.6 Wound breakdown
 - 2.7 Hypertrophic scar and keloid
 - 2.8 Residual tumour
 - 2.9 Meningitis
3. Uncommon risks with serious consequences ($< 1\%$ risk)
 - 3.1 Cerebellar and brainstem stroke
 - 3.2 Other cranial nerve injury-difficulty with swallowing and speaking
 - 3.3 Death
4. Consequences of no treatment
 - 4.1 Progression of disease with time
 - 4.2 Further impairment of hearing and speech perception and worsening of otological symptom such as tinnitus
 - 4.3 Pressure effect to surrounding vital structures, e.g. brain stem, cerebellum.
 - 4.4 Obstruction of flow of cerebrospinal fluid with hydrocephalus, causing impairment of cognitive or sensorimotor function and even death.

Alternative Treatment / Investigation

1. Stereotactic radiosurgery
2. Observation
3. Other surgical approaches

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: Translabyrinthine Excision of Acoustic Neuroma (2/2020)

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: _____

<p>Patient's Label Patient Name: _____ Hospital No: _____ Episode No: _____</p>
