Consent form: procedure for closing a hole in the tympanic membrane (tympanoplasty) and/or for ossicular reconstruction (ossiculoplasty)

The purpose of this procedure is to close a hole in the tympanic membrane in order to prevent inflammation, improve the patient's hearing and prevent long term complications, and/or reconstruct the auditory conduction mechanism. It is done by access through the ear and/or an incision behind the ear. Sometimes shaving the hair over and behind the ear may be necessary. The transplant used for closing the hole in the tympanic membrane is normally taken from the tissue covering the temple muscle, and sometimes from ear cartilage or the fat in the earlobe. In such cases, an additional incision may be necessary. The success rate in implanting tympanic membrane is over 90% in adults and around 80% in children. In order to correct any injury to the ossicles, an artificial prosthesis can be implanted, or cartilage or one of the patient's ossicles may be used. The procedure is administered under general or local anesthesia.

Patient's name: ____
Last name First name Father's name ID

I hereby declare and confirm I have been provided with a detailed oral explanation by

Dr. ____________________________________ about the need to perform a tympanoplasty or
Last name First name

ossiculoplasty on the ________ side as a result of _______________________________________
(hereinafter "The Main Procedure").

It has been explained to me that there are cases requiring a repeat procedure as a result of the implant's failure to absorb or unsuccessful recovery of the patient's sense of hearing. In some cases more than one procedure may be planned to begin with. It is possible that months and even years after a successful procedure to recover the patient's hearing, the prosthesis may dislocate or be expelled, and as a result the patient's sense of hearing may deteriorate, requiring an additional procedure.

It has been explained to me that in the event of an external incision a scar will remain, and that the scar's shape depends on my skin type and its healing properties, with keloid scars developing in some cases (thick, conspicuous scars).

I hereby declare and confirm that the Main Procedure's side effects have been explained to me, including pain in the ear, numbness in the area of the operation, pain during chewing, and an alteration of the sense of taste.

Additionally, the Main Procedure's possible risks and complications have been explained to me, including: bleeding, infection, tinnitus (ringing in the ear), and an injury to the inner ear that may lead to dizziness. In rare cases (about 1%) deterioration of the patient's hearing may occur, to the point of deafness. An injury to the facial nerve is very rare and mostly temporary, but permanent injury is also possible.

I hereby provide my consent to performance ofthe Main Procedure.

I hereby declare and confirm that I have been provided with an explanation and understand that it is possible to discover in the course of the Main Procedure that its scope must be extended or altered, or that other or additional procedures need to be performed in order to save the patient's life or prevent physical damage, including additional surgical procedures that cannot at this time be foreseen with any certainty or completeness but the significance of which has been explained to me. Therefore, I additionally agree to such alteration / extension of the procedure or to the administration of other or additional procedures, including surgical procedures that in the opinion of the institution's physicians will be essential or necessary in the course of the Main Procedure.

My consent is also hereby provided to the administration of local anesthetics with or without intravenous injection of sedatives, after having been provided with an explanation about the risks and complications of local anesthesia including varying degrees of allergic reactions to the anesthetics, and the possible complications of using sedatives that in rare cases may lead to respiratory impairments and cardiac function impairments, particularly in cardiac patients and in patients with respiratory disorders.

It has been explained to me that if the procedure is performed under general anesthesia, an explanation about the anesthesia will be provided to me by an anesthetist.

I am aware and agree that the Main Procedure and any other main procedure will be performed by the person assigned to do so according to the institutions policies and instructions, and that there is no guarantee that all or any of the procedures will be performed by a particular person, so long as they are responsibly administered as is customary in the institution and subject to the law.

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Date Hour Patient's signature

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Guardian's name (relationship) Guardian's signature (in case of incompetent, minor or mental patient)

I confirm that I have explained to the patient / the patient's guardian* all of the above in appropriate detail and that he/she has signed this consent form before me after I have become satisfied that he/she fully understands my explanations.

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Physician's name Physician's signature License no.

* Strike out the irrelevant item

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