

CONSENT FOR MICROVASCULAR DECOMPRESSION

I have discussed the operative procedure of posterior fossa craniectomy and microvascular decompression for trigeminal neuralgia with its intended benefit of pain relief

I have also discussed the risk of potential complications, in particular alluding to:

Persistence or recurrence of facial pain (20% in 2 years)

Facial numbness – this will be permanent if a partial section of the nerve is undertaken in the event that no compressive vascular vessel is found

Facial palsy

Hearing loss.

CSF fistula : CSF may leak either from the wound .If this persists insertion of a lumbar drain may be considered, as well as re – exploration of the operative site and insertion of a fat graft.

Intraoperative / postoperative intracranial haemorrhage and / or cerebellar ischaemia / swelling may cause potential life threatening complications or a significant permanent functional neurological disability. eg Gait ataxia, poor limb co - ordination

Infection : wound, meningitis, abscess, empyema,

Postoperative transient symptoms of headache, nausea and dizziness are very common, but are self limiting with resolution usually within weeks of the surgical procedure.

Some of these complications may necessitate further surgery.

General complications following any major surgical procedure : Chest infection / Pneumonia, DVT / Pulmonary embolus.

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