



Affix Patient Label

Patient Name:

Date of Birth:

Informed Consent: Zygoma (cheekbone) Repair

This information is given to you so that you can make an informed decision about having **repair of zygoma**.

Reason and Purpose of the Procedure:

Repair of the zygoma (cheekbone) is done to improve or prevent symptoms and deformities of the cheek and eye socket resulting from fracture of the cheekbone.

Benefits of this surgery:

You might receive the following benefits. Your doctor cannot promise you will receive any of these benefits. Only you can decide if the benefits are worth the risk.

- Improve shape of the cheek and numbness
- Improve double vision symptoms
- Improve eye movement or position
- Improve pain with chewing

Risks of Surgery:

No procedure is completely risk free. Some risks are well known. There may be risks not included in the list that your doctor cannot expect.

General risks of surgery:

- **Small areas of the lungs may collapse.** This would increase the risk of infection. This may need antibiotics and breathing treatments.
- **Blood clots may form** in the legs, with pain and swelling. These are called DVTs or deep vein thrombosis. Rarely, part of the clot may break off and go to the lungs. This can be fatal.
- **A strain on the heart or a stroke** may occur.
- **Bleeding may occur.** You may need a transfusion.
- Reaction to the anesthetic may occur. The most common reactions are nausea and vomiting. In rare cases, death may occur. The anesthesiologist will discuss this with you. **This procedure is always done under a general anesthesia.**

Risks of this surgery:

- **Bleeding:** This is rare. More surgery may be needed to stop or remove blood collection.
- **Infection:** May need more antibiotics, drainage and hardware removal.
- **Double Vision/Blindness:** Injury to the eye and surrounding structures is possible. Double vision may not improve. Glasses or more procedures may be needed.
- **Eyelid malposition:** Eyelid scars may affect eyelid position. More surgery may be needed.
- **Eyeball malposition:** The eyeball may stick out or sink in compared to before injury and surgery.
- **Asymmetry:** The face normally has differences from side to side. This may be more noticeable after surgery.
- **Numbness/weakness:** Injury or surgery may cause permanent skin numbness or muscle weakness.
- **Pain:** Lasting pain is rare.
- **Hardware:** Small screws, plates and wires may be noticeable. Hardware may need to be removed at a later surgery.

Risks Specific to you:

Obesity, Diabetes, and Smoking:

These are linked to an increased risk of infections. They can also lead to heart and lung complications and blood clot formation.

Alternative Treatments:

Other choices:

- Do nothing. You can decide not to have the procedure.

If you choose not to have this treatment:

- Changes in the shape of the cheek and other injury symptoms may not improve.

General Information:

During this procedure, the doctor may need to perform more or different procedures than I agreed to.

During the procedure the doctor may need to do more tests or treatment.

Tissues or organs taken from the body may be tested. They may be kept for research or teaching. I agree the hospital may discard these in a proper way.

Students, technical sales people and other staff may be present during the procedure. My doctor will supervise them.

Pictures and videos may be done during the procedure. These may be added to my medical record. These may be published for teaching purposes. My identity will be protected.

I agree to release my social security number, my name and address, and my date of birth to the company that makes the medical device that is put in or removed during this procedure. Federal laws and rules require this. The company will use this information to locate me.

