The Cost of TMD

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Procedures/ Complications Related to My Jaw Surgery (1 of 5)

- 1986 – Vitek Disc Implant (bilateral)
- 1987 – Vitek Disc Removed, Replaced with Silastic (bilateral)
- 1987 – Silastic Removed
- 1990 – Braces (pre-LeForte surgery) (in addition to childhood braces)
- 1990 – LeForte Osteotomy on Upper and Lower Jaw
  - Blood transfusion (needed 2 units after 12 hour surgery)
  - 3 X-rays to see if bones shifted after my 1-year-old banged into my face 3 times
  - Wired Shut for approximately six weeks
Procedures/Complications Related to My Jaw Surgery (2 of 5)

- 1991 – Left TMJ Arthroscopy
- 1992 – Rib Graft to Replace Right TMJ
  - Collapsed Lung following surgery
  - 2 weeks in a hospital that was 2 hours drive from home
- 1992 – Left TMJ Surgery
  - Muscle flap as disc replacement
- 1993 – Suicidal Depression
  - Five weeks inpatient treatment center
  - Five months outpatient treatment
- 1993 – Multiple Steroid Injections in Left TMJ
  - Listening to the needle crunch while not being able to move
1996 - Left TMJ Arthroplasty and Debridement
- Required following a fall on the ice which caused a fracture

1998 – Total Left TMJ Replacement with Christensen Implant
- More arch-bars
- Tissue grafts on lower gums (complication from arch bars)

2002 – 2005 Implanted Intrathecal Pain Pump
- Blood patch for spinal fluid leak following testing
- Implant surgery (nominal)
- Removal required due to lack of medical support to maintain the pump
- Spinal fluid leak following pain pump removal
- Laminectomy 2-weeks post surgery to allow the neurosurgeon access to close the hole left by the catheter.
Procedures/ Complications Related to My Jaw Surgery (4 of 5)

- 2015 – Removed Left TMJ Christensen Implant
  - Joint failure with frequent dislocation
  - Also removed the majority of plates/screws from LeFort
- 2015 – Bilateral TMJ Concepts Joint Implants
  - Required removal of Christensen implant prior to measurements for TMJC due to stainless steel affects on x-ray imaging.
  - 7 months with only one joint
  - More arch bars for 6 weeks following TMJC implants
Procedures / Complications Related to My Jaw Surgery (5 of 5)

- 1986 – Present – Multiple Traumatic Intubations
  - Fully awake during nasal cannula emplacement
  - Anesthesiologists not familiar with the need for fiber-optic intubation for patients with artificial joints.

- 1986 – Present – Sedation Required for Routine Dental Work
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