

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

Procedures / Complications Related to My Jaw Surgery (3 of 5)

- ▶ 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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