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## TONSILLECTOMY INDICATIONS

## **ABSOLUTE:**

- 1. Obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA)
- 2. Malignancy or suspected malignancy
- 3. Recurrent peritonsillar abscess (after 2<sup>nd</sup> episode)
- 4. Tonsillitis causing febrile seizure in children

## **RELATIVE:**

- 1. Recurrent tonsillitis (CAUSING ABSENTEEISM FROM SCHOOL/WORK, ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL):
  - 7 or more episodes in 1 year (needing ORAL ANTIBIOTICS)
  - 5 episodes per year for the last 2 years
  - 3 episodes per year for the last 3 years
- 2. Rheumatic fever
- 3. Acute Glomerulonephritis