

### **Caldwell - LUC**

A Caldwell-LUC operation is advised in order to remove and examine disease located in the maxillary sinus. Since it was first performed early in this century, a vast amount of knowledge exists, not only about its proven value as a method to treat maxillary sinus disease, but also about the potential risks, which, fortunately, are infrequent.

The risks include:

- Injury to the infraorbital nerve (facial numbness—not weakness)
- Injury to the eye
- Failure of the incision above the upper teeth to heal
- Post-operative bleeding or infection
- Numbness of the upper teeth
- Recurrence of sinus disease