

INFORMED CONSENT FOR
LACERATION & WOUND REPAIR

**PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT, INITIAL THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE
AND SIGN THE LAST TWO PAGES**

BRING THIS DOCUMENT TO YOUR PRE-OPERATIVE APPOINTMENT

PATIENT NAME _____

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INSTRUCTIONS

This is an informed-consent document that has been prepared to help inform you about laceration and wound repair, its risks, and alternative treatments.

It is important that you **read this information carefully and completely**. Please **initial each page**, indicating that you have read the page and **sign the consent for surgery** as proposed by your plastic surgeon.

INTRODUCTION

Laceration and wound repair is done to treat injuries or other causes of skin and deeper tissue wounds.

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT

Alternative forms of non-surgical management consist of not undergoing laceration and wound repair.

RISKS of SURGERY for LACERATION & WOUND REPAIR

Every surgical procedure involves a certain amount of risk and it is important that you understand the risks involved with laceration and wound repair. An individual's choice to undergo a surgical procedure is based on the comparison of the risk to potential benefit. Although the majority of patients do not experience these complications, you should discuss each of them with your plastic surgeon to make sure you understand the risks, potential complications, and consequences of lesion and mass removal.

Bleeding- It is possible, though unusual, to experience a bleeding episode during or after surgery. Should bleeding occur, it may require emergency treatment to drain accumulated blood or blood transfusion. Do not take any aspirin or anti-inflammatory medications for ten days before surgery, as this may increase the risk of bleeding. Non-prescription "herbs" and dietary supplements can increase the risk of surgical bleeding.

Infection- Infection is unusual after surgery. Should an infection occur, treatment including antibiotics or additional surgery may be necessary.

Change in skin sensation- This usually resolves in 3 to 4 weeks. To have decreased sensation is rare but possible.

Skin scarring- Although good wound healing after a surgical procedure is expected, abnormal scars may occur both within the skin and the deeper tissues. Excessive scarring is uncommon. Additional treatments including surgery may be necessary to treat abnormal scarring.

Seroma- Tissue fluid may accumulate in the space where the lesion was located. Additional treatment or surgery may be necessary to remove this fluid.

Delayed healing- Wound disruption or delayed wound healing is possible. Some areas of the skin may not heal normally and may take a long time to heal. It is even possible to have loss of skin. This may require frequent dressing changes or further surgery to remove the non-healed tissue.

Smokers have a greater risk of skin loss and wound healing complications.

Surgical anesthesia- Both local and general anesthesia involve risk. There is the possibility of complications, injury, and even death from all forms of surgical anesthesia or sedation.

Allergic reactions- In rare cases, local allergies to tape, suture material, or topical preparations have been reported. Systemic reactions which are more serious may occur to drugs used during surgery and prescription medicines. Allergic reactions may require additional treatment.

ADDITIONAL SURGERY NECESSARY

Should complications occur, additional surgery or other treatments may be necessary. The practice of medicine and surgery is not an exact science. Although good results are expected, there is no guarantee or warranty expressed or implied on the results that may be obtained.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The cost of surgery involves several charges for the services provided. The total includes fees charged by your doctor, the cost of surgical supplies, anesthesia, laboratory tests, and possible outpatient hospital charges, depending on where the surgery is performed. Depending on whether the cost of surgery is covered by an insurance plan, you will be responsible for necessary co-payments, deductibles, and charges not covered. Additional costs may occur should complications develop from the surgery. Secondary surgery or hospital day-surgery charges involved with revisionary surgery would also be your responsibility.

DISCLAIMER

Informed consent documents are used to communicate information about the proposed treatment of a condition along with disclosure of risks and alternative forms of treatment(s). The informed consent process attempts to define principles of risk disclosure that should generally meet the needs of most patients in most circumstances.

However, informed consent documents should not be considered all-inclusive in defining other methods of care and risks encountered.

Informed consent documents are not intended to define or serve as the standard of medical care. Standards of medical care are determined based on all the facts involved in an individual case and are subject to change as scientific knowledge and technology advance and as practice patterns evolve.

It is important that you read the above information carefully and have all your questions answered before signing the consent on the next page.

CONSENT FOR SURGERY/ PROCEDURE or TREATMENT

1. I hereby authorize Dr. Karol Gutowski and/or Dr Andrea Martin, and such assistants as may be selected to perform the following procedure or treatment: Laceration and Wound Repair
I have received the following information sheet:
INFORMED-CONSENT FOR LACERATION & WOUND REPAIR
2. I recognize that during the course of the operation and medical treatment or anesthesia, unforeseen conditions may necessitate different procedures than those above. I therefore authorize the above physician and assistants or designees to perform such other procedures that are in the exercise of his or her professional judgment necessary and desirable. The authority granted under this paragraph shall include all conditions that require treatment and are not known to my physician at the time the procedure is begun.
3. I consent to the administration of such anesthetics considered necessary or advisable. I understand that all forms of anesthesia involves risk and the possibility of complications, injury, and sometimes death.
4. I acknowledge that no guarantee has been given by anyone as to the results that may be obtained.
5. I consent to the photographing or televising of the operation(s) or procedure(s) to be performed, including appropriate portions of my body, for medical, scientific or educational purposes, provided my identity is not revealed by the pictures.
6. For purposes of advancing medical education, I consent to the admittance of observers to the operating room.
7. I consent to the disposal of any tissue, medical devices or body parts which may be removed.
8. I authorize the release of my Social Security number to appropriate agencies for legal reporting and medical-device registration, if applicable.
9. IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME IN A WAY THAT I UNDERSTAND:
 - a. THE ABOVE TREATMENT OR PROCEDURE TO BE UNDERTAKEN
 - b. THERE MAY BE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF TREATMENT
 - c. THERE ARE RISKS TO THE PROCEDURE OR TREATMENT PROPOSED
10. I READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT. I ACCEPT THE RISKS EXPLAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

I CONSENT TO THE TREATMENT OR PROCEDURE AND THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS (1-10). I AM SATISFIED WITH THE EXPLANATION.

Patient or Person Authorized to Sign for Patient

Witness _____

Date _____

Time _____

AUTHORIZATION & CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL IMAGES

It is important that you read this information carefully and completely. After reviewing, please sign the consent as proposed by The Physicians or their representatives.

INTRODUCTION

For your medical records, images (photographs, slides, videos, interviews or any other images of you, or components of your medical record) may be taken before, during, or after a surgical procedure or treatment. These images may be needed to document your medical condition, used as supporting material for authorizing medical coverage and payments, and treatment planning. Consent is required to take, use and release such images. Since The Physicians are also educators of other physicians, researchers, and healthcare providers, your images may be used for other purposes as described below.

1. CONSENT TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS, SLIDES, DIGITAL IMAGES, AND VIDEOGRAPHY

I hereby authorize The Physicians and/or their associates to take any images before, during and after my treatments or surgeries.

2. CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF PHOTOGRAPHS/SLIDES/ VIDEOGRAPHY

I hereby authorize The Physicians and their associates to use any of these images for professional medical purposes deemed appropriate including but not limited to showing these images on public or commercial television, electronic digital networks including the internet, print or visual or broadcast media, for purposes of examination, testing, credentialing and/or certifying purposes for medical education, patient education, lay publication, or during lectures to medical or lay groups, for marketing and advertising, and for use in medical teaching, research or dissemination of medical information to medical and nonmedical audiences, including, but not limited to, journal or book publications, presentations, conferences, and print marketing material (magazine, newspaper, etc) or electronic media (television, internet, etc).

3. CONSENT FOR RELEASE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

I further authorize The Physicians and their associates to release such images to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS), the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS), the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS), and the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ABFPRS). I provide this authorization as a voluntary contribution in the interests of public education. The images may be used for publication in print, visual or electronic media, specifically including, but not limited to, medical journals (such as *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*, *Annals of Plastic Surgery*, *Aesthetic Plastic Surgery*), textbooks, lay publications, patient education or during lectures for the purpose of informing the medical profession or the general public about plastic surgery methods, medical education or examination material by ASPS, ASAPS, ABPS, AAFPRS and ABFPRS. I understand that such images shall become the property of ASPS, ASAPS, ABPS, AAFPRS and ABFPRS and may be retained or released by these organizations for the limited purpose mentioned above. I also grant permission for the use of any of my medical records including illustrations, photographs, video or other imaging records created in my case, for use in examination, certifying and/or re-certifying purposes by ABPS and ABFPRS.

I understand that I will not be identified by name in any release of these materials but in some cases the images may contain features that may make my identity recognizable. I release and discharge The Physicians and all parties acting on their authority from all rights that I may have in these images, and from any claims that I have related their use in the above-mentioned manner.

I also release The Physicians and any employees or agents from all liability, including any claims of libel or invasion of privacy, directly or indirectly connected with, arising out of or resulting from the taking and authorized use of these images or recorded interviews.

I understand that I have the right to request cessation of recording or filming at any time. I understand that I will not be entitled to monetary payment or any other consideration as a result of use of these images and /or my interview.

Patient Name _____

Patient Signature _____

Date _____

Witness or Guardian/Parent _____

Date _____