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Consent Form

Skin Surgery and Interventional Procedures

PROCEDURE(S)

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GENERAL RISKS

- **Bleeding:** There may be bleeding during the procedure. Rarely there may be delayed bleeding hours or even days after the procedure.
- **Haematoma formation:** Bleeding may occur under the surface of the skin leading to a large bruise or collection of blood that rarely requires surgical removal.
- **Infection:** There is a small risk of infection. In most cases this can be treated with antibiotics and the site will heal well. Very rarely there can be significant infection that results in the wound coming apart requiring a longer period of healing with dressings.
- **Pain:** There may be pain during the procedure or afterwards. Rarely pain may persist for a longer period or fail to resolve.
- **Scar:** There may be a visible scar at the site of treatment. My goal is to give you the best cosmetic result possible and to hide the scar to the maximum extent possible, however the final cosmetic appearance cannot be guaranteed since it is also determined by the natural healing process. There is a risk that the scar may be raised or lumpy (including hypertrophic or keloid scar), depressed, different in color from the adjacent skin (redder/lighter/darker), or different in texture (for example more shiny) in comparison with the adjacent skin. Surgery in a hair-bearing site will result in permanent hair loss within the scar. Rarely there may be fat loss beneath the scar resulting in more significant depression.
- **Numbness/burning:** Any skin procedure can cause damage to the small sensory nerves that supply touch sensation. Usually this will improve with time but rarely it may be permanent.
- **Pigmentary change:** The treated area may become hyperpigmented (darker), hypopigmented (lighter) or redder than the normal skin color. Rarely this may be permanent.

PROCEDURE-SPECIFIC RISKS (Dr Lynch will tick if applicable)

- Wound dehiscence:** Stiches may fail to hold the wound together and it may come apart requiring a prolonged period of healing with dressings and leaving a larger scar. Risks are higher if there is infection or tension on the wound.
- Wound discharge:** There may be discharge of clear or blood-stained fluid from the treated site. Rarely this may continue for weeks and require dressings.
- Non-diagnostic result:** Occasionally the results of a biopsy are non-diagnostic and it may need to be repeated.
- Incomplete treatment / need for further treatment:** Lesions removed during surgery are often sent for pathological analysis. In some cases this may reveal that further treatment is required.
- Recurrence:** There is a risk that the treated lesion may recur.
- Weakness / paralysis of the eyebrow or forehead:** Surgery in the temple area carries a small risk of damage to the temporal branch of the facial nerve.
- Drooping / weakness of the corner of the mouth:** Surgery of the jawline carries a risk of damage to the marginal mandibular branch of the facial nerve.
- Burning / numbness of the forehead or scalp:** Surgery of the forehead carries a small risk of damage to the sensory nerves that supply touch sensation to these areas. Damage can result in permanent numbness or rarely a burning sensation that may persist.
- Nasal distortion, nasal blockage or nasal stuffiness:** This is a risk of nasal reconstructive surgery.
- Ectropion:** Surgery of the eyelid or adjacent skin can result in a pull on the eyelid which can be uncomfortable and unsightly. If it does not resolve it may need surgical correction.
- Watering of the eyes:** This is a risk of eyelid surgery, or surgery adjacent to the eyelid particularly at the inner corner of the eyelid where the tear duct runs.
- Lip distortion:** This is a risk of surgery of the lip and the skin adjacent to the lip.
- Ear distortion:** Surgery of the ear can lead to ear distortion or reduction in size of the ear.

AFTERCARE

- **Wound care:** You will be given detailed instructions on how to look after the wound. For surgical procedures, usually a dressing will remain in place for 48 hours. You will then apply vaseline (from a new pot) several times per day to aid healing and prevent scabbing.
- **Need to take time off work / activities:** You will usually need to avoid exercise and/or work for a number of days after the procedure. Should a complication arise there is a risk you will need to take a longer period of time off work / normal activities.
- **Stitch removal:** If stitches are used to close the wound you may need to attend in 1-2 weeks time for these to be removed.

ADDITIONAL RISKS

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I have read the above information, I have confirmed the site(s) and procedure(s) and I have had the opportunity to ask questions. I consent to the above procedure(s) and to photographs being taken for my confidential medical record.

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Signed (patient)

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Print name (patient)

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Date

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Signed (doctor)

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Print name (doctor)