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Skin Surgery Consent Form (including Mohs and laser surgery)

PROCEDURE(S)

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GENERAL RISKS

- **Bleeding:** There may be bleeding during the procedure. Rarely there may be delayed bleeding hours or very rarely even days after the procedure.
- **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 number of weeks afterwards.
- **Scar:** There will be a permanent, visible scar at the site of treatment. Dr Lynch will endeavor 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. There is a risk that the scar may be raised or lumpy, 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.
- **Numbness:** Any skin surgery 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.
- **Bruising, blistering, crusting:** Occasionally this can be marked, however it usually resolves with time.
- **Need to take time off work / activities:** You will often 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.
- **Non-diagnostic result:** occasionally the results of a biopsy are non-diagnostic and it may need to be repeated.

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

- 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.

ADDITIONAL RISKS

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I have read the above information, I have confirmed the site and procedure and I have had the opportunity to ask questions. I consent to the above procedure.

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 Date

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 Signed (patient)

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 Print name (patient)

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 Signed (doctor)

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