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**INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR BLEPHAROPLASTY (EYELID) SURGERY**

**WHAT IS BLEPHAROPLASTY?**

A blepharoplasty is the removal or repositioning of skin, muscle, and fat of the upper and/or lower lids. Blepharoplasty is also a procedure performed to create a fold in the upper eyelid (termed Asian blepharoplasty or double eyelid procedure). In the upper lid, the incision is made and hidden in the natural lid crease. For the lower lid, an incision can be made through the skin just beneath the lashes, or through the moist inside surface if the lid called the conjunctiva.

Blepharoplasty will not remove “crow’s feet” or other wrinkles, eliminate dark circles under the eyes, or lift sagging eyebrows. In some patients, who have looseness between the lower eyelid and the eyeball, consideration for tightening of the lower eyelid (canthoplasty/canthopexy) at the time of blepharoplasty may be recommended. Eyelid surgery cannot stop the process of aging. It can however, diminish the look of loose skin and bagginess in the eyelid region.

**WHAT ARE THE MAJOR RISKS?**

Risks of blepharoplasty include but are not limited to: bleeding, infection, an asymmetric or unbalanced appearance, scarring, difficulty closing the eyes (which may cause damage to the underlying corneal surface).

Uncommon risks include double vision, tearing or dry eye problems, inability to wear contact lenses, numbness and/or tingling near the eye or on the face and in rare cases, loss of vision. You may need additional treatment or surgery to treat these complications; the cost of the additional treatment or surgery is NOT included in the fee for this surgery however your surgeon might forego his professional fee when treating these complications. Due to individual differences

in anatomy, response to surgery, and wound healing, no guarantees can be made as to your final result.

**WHAT TYPE OF ANESTHESIA IS USED? WHAT ARE THE MAJOR RISKS?**

Most blepharoplasties are done with “local” anesthesia, that is, injections around the eye to numb the area. You may also receive sedation from a needle placed into a vein in your arm or pills taken before surgery. Risks of anesthesia include but are not limited to damage to the eye and surrounding tissue and structures, loss of vision, breathing problems, and, in extremely rare circumstances, stroke or death.

**PATIENT’S ACCEPTANCE OF RISKS**

I have read the above information and have discussed it with my surgeon. I understand that it is impossible for the surgeon to inform me of every possible complication that may occur. My surgeon has told me that results cannot be guaranteed, that adjustments and more surgery may be necessary, and that there are additional costs associated with more treatment. By signing below, I agree that my surgeon has answered all of my questions, that I understand and accept the risks and benefits of blepharoplasty, and the costs associated with this surgery and future treatment.

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Witness Name: