NASAL INJURY REPAIR SURGERY

Surgical treatment of nasal injuries is performed to repair soft tissue and damaged structures, such as broken nasal bones or displaced nasal septum. Nasal injury surgery is intended to minimize potential deformities due to abnormal healing of displaced nasal structures but often needs further surgical repair after healing occurs.

Patient’s Initials

___ The details of the procedure, including the anticipated benefits and material risks, have been explained to me in terms I understand.

___ Alternative methods and therapies, their benefits, material risks, and disadvantages have been explained to me.

___ I understand and accept that the most likely material risks and complications of nasal injury repair surgery have been discussed with me and may include but are not limited to:

- allergic reaction to tape, sutures, etc.
- asymmetry
- bleeding
- chronic pain
- damage to deeper structure
- infection
- nasal airway alterations
- nasal septal perforation
- numbness
- possible need for hardware (screws, metal plates, wire sutures, etc.) that may need to be removed at a later time
- scarring
- unsatisfactory result

___ I understand and accept that there are complications, including the remote risk of death or serious disability, that exist with any surgical procedure.

___ I understand and accept the risks of blood transfusion(s) that may be necessary.

___ I understand that tissue cannot heal without scarring and that how one scars is dependent on individual genetic characteristics. The physician will do his/her best to minimize scarring but cannot control its ultimate appearance.

___ I am aware that smoking during the pre- and postoperative periods could increase chances of complications.

___ I have informed the doctor of all my known allergies.

___ I have informed the doctor of all medications I am currently taking, including prescriptions, over-the-counter remedies, herbal therapies and supplements, aspirin, and any other recreational drug or alcohol use.

___ I have been advised whether I should avoid taking any or all of these medications on the days surrounding the procedure.

___ I am aware and accept that no guarantees about the results of the procedure have been made.

___ I have been advised of the probable consequences of declining recommended or alternative therapies.

___ I have been informed of what to expect postoperatively, including but not limited to: estimated recovery time, anticipated activity level, and the possibility of additional procedures.

___ I understand that any tissue/specimen removed during the surgery may be sent to pathology for evaluation.

___ The doctor has answered all of my questions regarding this procedure.

I certify that I have read and understand this treatment agreement and that all blanks were filled in prior to my signature.
I authorize and direct ________________, MD, with associates or assistants of his or her choice, to perform nasal injury repair surgery on _______________________ at _______________________.

(patient name)                (name of facility)

I further authorize the physician(s) and assistants to do any other procedures that in their judgment may be necessary or advisable should unforeseen circumstances arise during the procedure.

Patient or Legal Representative Signature/Date/Time              Relationship to Patient

Print Patient or Legal Representative Name              Witness Signature/Date/Time

I certify that I have explained the nature, purpose, anticipated benefits, material risks, complications, and alternatives to the proposed procedure to the patient. I have answered all questions fully, and I believe that the patient fully understands what I have explained.

Physician Signature/Date/Time

_____ copy given to patient              _____ original placed in chart

initial              initial