SCAR REVISION

Scars are the unavoidable result of injuries, disease, or surgery. It is impossible to totally remove the presence of a scar, yet plastic surgery may improve the appearance and texture of scars. There are many different techniques of scar revision surgery.

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 scar revision have been discussed with me and may include but are not limited to:

- bleeding
- infection
- patient noncompliance
- scarring
- unsatisfactory results
- wound disruption

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

_____ 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 ___________________________, M.D., with associates or assistants of his or her choice, to perform scar revision on _____________________ at _________________________.

(patient name) (name of facility)

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This form is for reference purposes only. It is a general guideline and not a statement of standard of care and should be edited and amended to reflect policy requirements of your practice site(s), CMS and Joint Commission requirements, if applicable, and legal requirements of your individual state(s).
I further authorize the physician(s) and assistants to do any other procedure 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

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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

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