

INFORMED-CONSENT- SCLEROTHERAPY

INSTRUCTIONS

This is an informed-consent document that has been prepared to help inform you concerning sclerotherapy and its risks.

RISKS of SCLEROTHERAPY

Every surgical procedure involves a certain amount of risk, and it is important that you understand the risks involved. An individual's choice to undergo a procedure is based on the comparison of the risk to potential benefit. Although the majority of patients do not experience these complications, you should discuss each of them with your plastic surgeon to make sure you understand the risks, potential complications, and consequences of sclerotherapy.

Bleeding- It is possible, though unusual, to experience a bleeding episode during or after a procedure. Should post-procedure bleeding occur, it may require emergency treatment to drain accumulated blood (hematoma). Do not take any aspirin or anti-inflammatory medications for seven to ten days before and after your procedure, as this may contribute to a greater risk of bleeding.

Infection- Infection is unusual after surgery. Should an infection occur, additional treatment including antibiotics may be necessary.

Cautions - Although rare, skin sloughing and ulceration may result from the result of sclerotherapy. A bronze discoloration may occur from the dye used in the manufacturing of the injected medication; this discoloration usually disappears shortly. Drowsiness and headache may occur rarely. An aching sensation and feeling of stiffness usually occurs and lasts approximately 48 hours. Bruising and swelling may be present after the procedure and resolves spontaneously.

Past Medical History – Sclerotherapy is contraindicated when there is a past medical history of deep vein thrombosis, thrombophlebitis, and/or pulmonary embolism.

Allergic reactions- In rare cases, local allergies to Morrhuate Sodium Injections have been reported. Allergic reactions may require additional treatment.

ADDITIONAL INJECTIONS NECESSARY

In some situations, it may not be possible to achieve optimal results with a single sclerotherapy procedure. Multiple procedures may be necessary. Should complications occur, additional treatments may be necessary. Even though risks and complications occur infrequently, the risks cited are the ones that are particularly associated with sclerotherapy. Other complications and risks can occur but are even more uncommon. The practice of medicine and surgery is not an exact science. Although good results are expected, there cannot be any guarantee or warranty expressed or implied on the results that may be obtained.

CONSENT FOR SURGERY / PROCEDURE or TREATMENT

1. I hereby authorize David B. Huang, MD, and such assistants as may be selected to perform the following procedure or treatment:

I have received the following information sheet:
INFORMED-CONSENT SCLEROTHERAPY PROCEDURE

2. I recognize that during the course of the procedure, unforeseen conditions may necessitate different procedures than those above. I therefore authorize the above physician and assistants or designees to perform such other procedures that are in the exercise of his or her professional judgment necessary and desirable. The authority granted under this paragraph shall include all conditions that require treatment and are not known to my physician at the time the procedure is begun.
3. I acknowledge that no guarantee has been given by anyone as to the results that may be obtained.
4. I consent for photographing to be performed; including appropriate portions of my body, for medical, scientific or educational purposes, provided my identity is not revealed by the pictures.
5. IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME IN A WAY THAT I UNDERSTAND:
 - a. THE ABOVE TREATMENT OR PROCEDURE TO BE UNDERTAKEN
 - b. THERE MAY BE ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES OR METHODS OF TREATMENT
 - c. THERE ARE RISKS TO THE PROCEDURE OR TREATMENT PROPOSED

I CONSENT TO THE TREATMENT OR PROCEDURE AND THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS (1-5). I AM SATISFIED WITH THE EXPLANATION.

Patient or Person Authorized to Sign for Patient
Date _____
Witness _____