

Pigmented Lesions Consent Form

The undersigned:

Patient: _____

Born on: ____ / ____ / ____

Resident of: _____

Physician: _____

1. NATURE AND COURSE OF TREATMENT

The laser is a device producing highly energetic light. During the treatment, the device selectively destroys the melanin pigment in the skin, while the surrounding tissues are left untouched. In general, local anesthesia is not needed. In case it should be necessary for one or another reason, the treating physician will discuss the modalities thereof in detail.

2. AIM OF TREATMENT

The aim of the treatment is to improve the appearance of a lesion caused by melanin pigment. The number of treatments required depends on the extent, the nature, the age, and the intensity of the pigmentation of the skin lesion. A complete disappearance of the treated lesion is the goal, but can never be guaranteed in advance.

3. RISKS

Potential complications of the treatment are:

- Wound infection: occurs very rarely and should heal when treated appropriately.
- Formation of scar tissue: highly exceptional.
- Increased or decreased pigmentation: In some cases, the wound heals with increased pigmentation (hyperpigmentation). This usually happens among patients with darker skin tones or because of sun exposure. Other patients may be predestined to have this kind of reaction and may have experienced this before, during the healing of other wounds. In order to minimize the risk of hyperpigmentation, post-treatment sun protection is of the utmost importance. Among some patients, this hyperpigmentation can even occur despite good sun protection. Hyperpigmentation is usually only temporary, but may need a few months to clear. Among some patients, the treated area may show decreased pigmentation (hypopigmentation) and thus obtain a lighter color than the surrounding skin tissue. This is usually only a temporary reaction, but in some cases, the hypopigmentation may be permanent. The physician has informed the patient how to care for the treated skin area. Not following these post-treatment instructions may increase the risk of complication.

4. EFFECTS

Immediately after being treated, the skin will turn whitish gray. Exceptionally, erosion (superficial wound) and/or pinpoint bleeding may occur. A bluish red discoloration as a consequence of bleeding may also appear and may last up to 2 weeks before disappearing.

5. ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS

The physician has discussed alternative treatments with me.

6. REVOCATION OF CONSENT

The patient deliberately consents to the treatment and can, at any time, decide to stop further treatment.

This authorization is given for the purpose of facilitation of my care and shall supersede all previous authorizations and/or agreements executed by me. My signature certifies that I understand the goals, limitations, and possible complications of laser treatments, and that I wish to proceed with treatment.

PATIENT'S SIGNATURE

PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE (if patient is a minor or is mentally incompetent, signature of parent or legal guardian is required)

WITNESS

RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT