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LIMELIGHT INFORMED PATIENT CONSENT FORM

I hereby authorize Lakes Dermatology staff to perform vascular and/or pigmented lesion treatment with a laser or pulsed light-based device on me. I understand that this procedure involves treating vascular and/or pigmented lesions, age spots, and sun spots by melanin absorption and coagulation of vessels or vascular lesions. I understand I may not experience complete clearance, and that it may take multiple treatments. Some conditions may not respond at all and, in rare cases, may become worse.

The procedure may result in the following adverse experiences or risks:

- DISCOMFORT/ PAIN - Some discomfort may be experienced during treatment. Pain may include the feeling of burning, stinging and radiating pain.
- REDNESS/SWELLING - Short term redness (erythema) or swelling (edema) of the treated area is common and may occur.
- PURPURA / BRUISING - Purpura (bruising) is a transient phenomenon that usually resolves with time.
- HEMOSIDERIN STAINING – (Iron leaking in to tissue from blood breakdown) may occur and usually resolves over time, but it may be permanent.
- SKIN COLOR CHANGES - During the healing process, there is a possibility that the treated area may become either lighter (hypopigmentation) or darker (hyperpigmentation) in color compared to the surrounding skin. This is usually temporary, but, on a rare occasion, it may be permanent.
- EPIDERMAL CRUSTING - Pigmented lesions may crust as part of the anticipated healing process. It is important not to disturb the crusts. May require medication if sensitivity or redness occurs. Crusts will typically slough 7 to 14 days after treatment.
- WOUNDS - Treatment can result in burning, blistering, or bleeding of the treated areas. If any of these occur, please call our office.
- BURNS and INFECTION – Burns and infection are a possibility whenever the skin surface is disrupted, although proper wound care should prevent this. If signs of infection or burns develop, such as pain, heat, or surrounding redness, please call our office 651-340-1064.
- SCARRING - Scarring is a rare occurrence, but it is a possibility if the skin surface is disrupted. To minimize the chances of scarring, it is *IMPORTANT* that you follow all post-treatment instructions provided by your healthcare staff.
- TEXTURAL CHANGES/CUTANEOUS IDENTATIONS – May occur as a result of heat diffusion and thermal injury to tissue surrounding vessels.
- UNDESIRABLE HAIR REDUCTION - Hair reduction may occur at treatment sites. This is usually temporary but may be permanent.
- SUN EXPOSURE/TANNING BEDS/ARTIFICIAL TANNING - May increase risk of side effects and adverse events.
- EYE EXPOSURE - Protective eyewear (shields) will be provided to you during the treatment. Failure to wear eye shields during the entire treatment may cause severe and permanent eye damage.

I acknowledge the following points have been discussed with me:

- Potential benefits of the proposed procedure, including the possibility that the procedure may not work for me
- Alternative treatments such as liquid nitrogen, topicals, or excision
- Reasonably anticipated health consequences if the procedure is not performed
- Possible complications/risks involved with the proposed procedure and subsequent healing period

For women of childbearing age: By signing below I confirm that I am not pregnant and do not intend to become pregnant anytime during the course of treatment. Furthermore, I agree to keep Lakes Dermatology staff informed should I become pregnant during the course of treatment.

The nursing staff will have you sign the electronic consent form once you are brought back to your room. Feel free to ask any questions at that time.