



Family Practice Dermatology

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CONSENT FOR THE REMOVAL OF SKIN GROWTHS

Following the removal of skin growths, the patient needs to understand that one or more of the following may occur.

Regrowth

When we attempt to remove, soften, or flatten an unwanted growth on the skin, one of several techniques is utilized, such as scalpel surgery (shave biopsy), cryosurgery, or electrosurgery. The final result may be an area that looks perfectly normal, or an area that looks smaller and flatter than the original lesion removed. When using these methods of removal there is always a chance that the lesion may not be completely gone, or that it may resurface.

Pigmentary Changes

The site of removal will heal at first, leaving a faint pink spot on the skin. This will remain for one to three months, then fade. Rarely, the treatment may result in a permanent scar with hypopigmentation (a white spot on the skin), hyperpigmentation (a dark spot on the skin), or a keloid (a thick raised scar).

Depression

On occasion, a small irregularity or depression in the skin may remain after growth removal. Usually this improves with the passage of time.

Healing Time

Regardless of the surgical technique used, most surgical sites will heal in one to two weeks. It is important that you follow your post treatment instructions to help ensure proper healing without complications.

Results

We will contact you IF your pathology results indicate you require further treatment.

If the results indicate that there is nothing for you to worry about, please DO NOT expect a call from our office.

I the patient, have read and understood the above disclosures and have been given the opportunity to ask questions, discuss alternative treatments and the risks and benefits of the treatment.

X _____
Patient's Signature

Date