

# INFORMED CONSENT FOR LASER HAIR REMOVAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment sites: mono-brow, lip, chin, neck, face, arms, fingers, chest, areola, underarms, back, buttocks, bikini, labia, scrotum, thighs, lower legs, feet, and toes.

Combinations: \_\_\_\_\_.

Previous hair removal methods \_\_\_\_\_ (shaving, tweezing, waxing, depilatories, electrolysis, laser).

The purpose of this procedure is to diminish or remove unwanted hair. The procedure requires more than one treatment and may produce permanent hair removal. The total number of treatments will vary between individuals. On occasion there are patients that do not respond to treatment. The treated hair should exfoliate or push out in approximately 2-3 weeks.

Alternative methods are waxing, shaving, electrolysis, and chemical epilation.

The following problems may occur with the hair removal system.

1. However slight, **there is a risk of scarring.**
2. **Short term effects may include reddening, mild burning, temporary bruising or blistering, Hyper-pigmentation** (browning) and **Hypo-pigmentation** (lightening) have also been noted after treatment. These conditions usually resolve within 3-6 months, but **permanent color change is a rare risk.** Avoiding sun exposure before and after the treatment reduces the risk of color change.
3. **Infection:** Although infection following treatment is unusual, bacterial, fungal and viral infections can occur. Herpes simplex virus infections around the mouth can occur following a treatment. This applies to both individuals with a past history of herpes simplex virus infections and individuals with no known history of herpes simplex virus infections in the mouth area. Should any type of skin infection occur, additional treatments or medications may be necessary.
4. **Bleeding:** Pinpoint bleeding is rare but can occur following treatment procedures. Should bleeding occur, additional treatment may be necessary.
5. **Allergic Reactions:** In rare cases, local allergies to tape, preservatives used in cosmetics or topical preparations have been reported. Systemic reactions (which are more serious) may result from prescription medicines.
6. I understand that exposure of my eyes to light could harm my vision. I must keep the eye protection goggles on at all times.
7. Compliance with the aftercare guidelines is crucial for healing, prevention of scarring, and hyper-pigmentation.

Occasionally, unforeseen mechanical problems may occur and your appointment will need to be rescheduled. We will make every effort to notify you prior to your arrival to the office. Please be understanding if we cause you any inconvenience.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

My questions regarding the procedure have been answered satisfactorily. I understand the procedure and accept the risk. I hereby release Lisa M. Volk (individual) and Weston Plastic Surgery, Inc. (facility) and Robert E. Rothfield, M.D. (doctor) from all liabilities associated with the above indicated procedure.

Patient/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Laser Technician Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_