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Cutera Pearl Laser Consent

The Pearl laser treats the top layer of skin with pulses of light while simultaneously sending heat to the deeper layers of skin to provide longer-term benefits. As a result, the very top layer of skin (epidermis), will slough (peel) off over a period of a few days improving the skin tone, texture, wrinkles, and brown spots. Although many patients experience excellent results after one treatment, it may take multiple treatments to obtain optimal results, and it is possible that the results will be minimal or not help at all.

I am aware of the following possible experiences/risks:

- DISCOMFORT – Some discomfort is expected during treatment. A topical anesthetic will be applied to my skin before treatment. My skin may feel like it is sunburned for a few hours after the treatment.
- REDNESS/SWELLING- Redness and/or swelling of the treated area is common and may occur. This usually resolves in a few days but can last up to one week.
- PIGMENT CHANGES - During the healing process, there is a possibility that the treated area can become either lighter or darker in color compared to the surrounding skin. This is usually temporary, but, on a rare occasion, it may be permanent. I should avoid sun exposure after the treatment and use sun block.
- WOUNDS – Treatment can result in burning, blistering, or bleeding of the treated areas. It is important that I do not pick or scratch the sites as this may lead to permanent scars or promote an infection. If any of these occur, I will call the office.
- INFECTION – Infection is a possibility whenever the skin surface is disrupted, though proper wound care and keeping the treated area clean should prevent this. Herpes simplex (cold sores) is seen in a small percentage of patients, even if prophylaxis is used. This may lead to scarring. If signs of infection develop, such as pain, heat or an increase in redness, I will call the office.
- SCARRING – scarring is a rare occurrence, but it is a possibility if the skin surface is disrupted. To minimize the risk of scarring, it is IMPORTANT that I follow all post-treatment instructions carefully.
- EYE EXPOSURE – Protective eyewear will be provided. It is important to keep these on at all times during the treatment in order to protect my eyes from injury.
- ALLERGY – There is a risk of an allergic reaction to the numbing cream and/or any other product that comes in contact with my skin.

The following points have been discussed with me:

- Potential benefits of the proposed procedure
- Possible alternative procedures, such as chemical peels
- Probability of success
- Reasonably anticipated consequences if the procedure is not performed
- Most likely possible complications/risks involved with the proposed procedure and subsequent healing period
- Post-treatment instructions

For women of childbearing age: By signing below I indicate that I am not pregnant. Furthermore, I agree to keep Dr. Giovanielli and staff informed should I become pregnant during the course of treatment.

I consent to the taking of photographs during the course of my laser therapy to follow my progress.

WITH MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS FORM AND AUTHORIZE DR. GIOVANIELLI TO PERFORM PEARL LASER TREATMENT.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____