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SURGERY OF HEAD AND NECK USING INPLANTS

You and your doctor are now considering a plastic surgery procedure for the purpose of improving your appearance. The doctor performs this type of operation by making surgical cutis in the face, scalp or neck and inserting materials which are not ordinarily found in the human body. Several operations may be necessary to obtain the desired affect. Generally this type of surgery is not an emergency nor is it necessary to improve or protect the physical health of the patient. Although complications and bad results are uncommon from this type of operation, they do sometimes occur. It is possible that this operation will not improve your appearance. It is even possible that your appearance will be less pleasing after the operation than it is now. Because of these facts your doctor cannot guarantee a favorable result from the insertion of implants in the head or neck.

Some of the possible complications from surgery of the head or neck using implants are:

Bleeding, infection, abnormal serum collections in the face or neck, discolorations of the face or neck abnormal contour of the face or neck, nerve damage causing temporary bruising and permanent loss of feeling, weakness and paralysis of portions of all of the face or neck, prolonged pain or muscle spasms of the face or neck, poor healing wounds, excessive scarring, migration or movement of implant, erosion of skin death, blockage of the windpipe, rupture of the major blood vessels in the neck, stroke or paralysis, inability to move one side of the body blindness, lung collapse, permanent difficulty chewing or swallowing permanent hoarseness or loss of voice, personality changes and mental difficulty following the surgery sometimes occurring even when the operation has been a cosmetic success; bone resorption, displacement and allergic or other bad reaction to one or more of the substances used in the operation.

Some of the complications of the operation can cause the need for further surgery, some of the complications can caused prolonged illness, scarring, and permanent deformity. Allergic reactions have even been know to cause death. Furthermore, there may be alternatives to this surgery, such as the use of cosmetics or merely accepting your present appearance and doing nothing. However, these alternatives carry their own risk of complications and have a varying degree of success.

ADDITIONAL RISKS AND ALTERNATIVES: _____
(To be filled out by MD if necessary)

I CERTIFY: I have read or had read to me the contents of this form; I understand the risks and alternatives involved in this procedure; I have had the opportunity to ask any questions which I had and all of my questions have been answered.

Date: _____

(Signature of patient)

(Signature of witness)

(Relative signature of patient)

(Relationship to patient)