DOCTORS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

PATIENT CONSENT FORM

FOR LASER AND LIGHT BASED HAIR REDUCTION

I hereby authorize Dr._____ or _____, under Dr. _____'s supervision to perform light based hair reduction on me. I understand that this procedure works on the growing hairs (anagen) and not on dormant hairs. I understand that I will require several treatments to obtain a significant, long-term reduction of hair growth. I understand I may experience fewer, thinner, lighter, slower re-growth of hairs, temporary hair loss or permanent hair reduction. I understand that it is only effective on hair with color and does not treat white, grey, blond, or red hair. I understand that genetics, hormones, medication and hair color may interfere with hair loss and that I may not respond at all.

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

- DISCOMFORT – Some discomfort may be experienced during treatment.
- REDNESS/SWELLING/BRUISING – Short term redness (erythema) or swelling (edema) of the treated area is common and may occur. There also may be some bruising.
- 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.
- WOUNDS – Treatment can result in burning, blistering, or bleeding of the treated areas. If any of these occur, please call our office.
- INFECTION – Infection is a possibility whenever the skin surface is disrupted, although proper wound care should prevent this. If signs of infection develop, such as pain, heat, or surrounding redness, please call our office __(Phone number)_____.
- 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.
- PARADOXICAL HAIR GROWTH – Stimulation of terminal hair growth following photo-epilation. Can occur within or adjacent to treated area.
- 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 electrolysis, waxing, plucking and depilatories
- 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. Futhermore, I agree to keep Dr._____and staff informed should I become pregnant during the course of treatment.

Photographic documentation will be taken. I hereby do___do not___authorize the use of my photographs for teaching purposes.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS INFORMED CONSENT FOR LIGHT BASED HAIR REMOVAL TREATMENT, AND THAT I HAVE HAD ALL MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED TO MY SATISFACTION BY MY HEALTHCARE TEAM.

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Signature-Patient or Guardian	Print Name/Relationship	Date
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Signature-Witness	Print Name	Date