



FACELIFT/BROWLIFT CONSENT FORM

Facelift surgery has gained increasing popularity as a method of removing excess sagging facial skin and restoring a cleaner, more defined neck and jaw line. During the operation the skin overlying the face and neck is elevated utilizing incisions just in front of and behind the ear. The redundant skin is retracted posteriorly and removed.

As with any surgery, there are specific effects including risks and complications associated with the procedure. These may include:

1. Scars – The incisions lie immediately in front of and behind the ear. They extend onto the hairline on the posterior scale. While they are permanent, they are usually inconspicuous and fade with time.
2. Swelling – Swelling and bruising will take several weeks to resolve. Afterwards your face will continue to soften and tighten for 3-6 months.
3. Sensation – There may be scattered areas of numbness over the entire face and neck. These are usually transient although in a small percentage of patients decreased sensation may persist for an indefinite period of time.
4. Hematoma – In less than 1% of patients, post-operative bleeding may lead to noticeable swelling. In most cases, this will result in “lumpiness” that dissipates in 4-6 weeks as the body absorbs the fluid. Rarely, secondary surgery is required to drain the collection of fluid.
5. Facial nerve injury – There is a small risk (less than 1%) of injury to a branch of the facial nerve that may result in temporary or permanent weakness of some of the facial musculature especially around the lip or forehead.
6. Infection – This is possible with any surgery, although every effort (i.e., antibiotics, sterile technique) is made to avoid it.
7. Skin or hair loss – While unusual, there may be hair loss or skin loss around the incisions due to tension, infection or smoking. It is absolutely necessary to quit smoking prior to and immediately after surgery until the tissue has had adequate time to heal.
8. Results – Because of the nature of the procedure, an exact end-result cannot be predicted, and I have not been given any guarantee of specific results.

The nature and technique of facelift/browlift surgery, the potential risks and complications associated with the procedure, and alternative methods of treatment have been fully explained to me by Dr. Deborah J. Doyle/Dr. Mark I. Rubinstein, and I understand them.

Patient's Signature

Date

Patient's Name (Please Print)

Witness