



## **INFORMED CONSENT FORM: LASER/LIGHT BASED TREATMENT**

I authorize Skin Dermatology to perform laser/pulsed light cosmetic skin treatments on me, including, but not limited to, the treatment of pigmented lesions (for example, sun spots, age spots, and other skin discolorations), vascular lesions (for example, red spots, leg veins and small spider veins, but not varicose veins), wrinkles, (rhytides), furrows, fine lines, textural irregularities, non-ablative skin resurfacing, soft tissue coagulation, ablative skin resurfacing, and reducing or eliminating hair. I understand that the procedure is purely elective, that the results may vary with each individual, and multiple treatments may be necessary. I understand that:

- The Cynosure Icon® Aesthetic System is a pulsed-light and laser system that delivers a precise pulse of light energy that is absorbed by a chromophore in skin, for example, hemoglobin in the blood or pigment in a lesion, causing a thermal reaction. All personnel in the treatment room, including me, must wear protective eyewear to prevent eye damage from this light energy.
- The sensation of light is sometimes uncomfortable and may feel like a moderate to severe pinprick or flash of heat. Anesthesia or sedation (calming medication) may be advisable for laser skin resurfacing treatments. If the practitioner or physician elects to use an anesthetic to reduce discomfort during any light-based treatment, all options and risks associated with the anesthetic will be discussed with me.
- The treated area may be red and swollen for two to twenty-four (2–24) hours or longer. Cooling the area after the treatment (for example, ice packs, topical gels) may help reduce discomfort and swelling.
- Common side effects include temporary redness (erythema) or mild "sunburn"-like effect that may last a few hours to 3-4 days or longer. Other potential side effects include, but are not limited to, crusting, irritation, itching, pain, burns, scabbing, swelling, broken capillaries, bronzing, and acne or herpetic breakouts. There also is a risk of resulting unsatisfactory appearance and failure to achieve the desired result.
- Pigment changes, including hypopigmentation (lightening of the skin) or hyperpigmentation (darkening skin), lasting one to six (1-6) months or longer or permanently may occur. Freckles may temporarily or permanently disappear in treated areas.
- Serious complications are rare but possible, such as, scarring, blood clots, skin loss, hematomas (collection of blood under the skin), and allergic reaction to medications or materials used during the procedure.
- I understand and accept that with skin resurfacing treatments, there may be an increased length of social downtime associated with the level of treatment. There also is a chance of additional side effects like blanching and significant redness.
- With ablative laser treatments, there are additional risks of discomfort, focal areas of bleeding, bruising, poor healing, serous discharge, and infections. Serious but rare complications may include scarring, abscess, skin necrosis (dead skin), and injury to





other internal structures including nerves, blood vessels, or muscles.

- An occlusive ointment may be used to cover the treated skin and keep it moist to avoid the skin drying out and being crusty or desquamated. Occlusion may exacerbate acne breakouts under the ointment.
- There is no guarantee that the expected or anticipated results will be achieved.
- Sun, tanning bed, or tanning lamp exposure, the use of self-tanning creams, and not adhering to the post-treatment instructions provided to me may increase my chance of complications. I must avoid the sun, tanning beds, and sunless tanning lotions and use sunblock (SPF 45 recommended) after treatment.
- There is a possibility of coincidental hair removal when treating pigmented or vascular lesions in hair-bearing areas. There is a risk that the hair regrowth may be changed, such as little or no regrowth or more regrowth than before.
- I should call my provider as soon as possible if I have any concerns about side effects or complications after treatment.
- I hereby consent to the administration of any anesthesia or sedation considered necessary or advisable for my procedure(s). I understand that all forms of anesthesia and sedation involve risk and the possibility of complications, injury, and in rare instances death.
- Not providing my medical history before proceeding with a light-based treatment could impact treatment results and cause complications.

I understand that the practice of medicine is not an exact science and no results have been guaranteed. I acknowledge that the results may not meet my expectations. I certify that no guarantees have been made by anyone regarding the procedure(s) that I have requested and authorized.

Yes No **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to photographs and digital images being taken and used for medical education, clinical training, professional publications or sales and marketing purposes. No photographs or digital images revealing my identity will be used without my written consent. If my identity is not revealed, these photographs and digital images may be used, shared, and displayed publicly for such stated purposes without my permission.

Yes No **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

Before and after treatment instructions have been discussed with me. The procedure, potential benefits and risks, and alternative treatment options have been explained to my satisfaction.

Yes No **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand all information presented to me before consenting to treatment. I have had all my questions answered.**

Client\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Parent or legal guardian if patient is under age 18 or unable to authorize consent.

