

CONSENT FOR BROWLIFT

I have discussed the operation with Dr. Kohout and I have received information on the possible risks and complications of surgery. The risks include, but are not limited to the complications listed below:

ANAESTHETIC RISKS

All anaesthetics have risks which should be discussed with your anaesthetist prior to the procedure.

GENERAL RISKS OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES

- Areas of the lungs may collapse (**atelectasis**), possibly leading to chest infection/pneumonia. Treatment of this complication may need admission to a hospital, intravenous antibiotics and chest physiotherapy.
- Clots in the legs (**deep vein thrombosis** or DVT) with resultant pain and swelling. Rarely part of this clot may break off and go to the lungs (pulmonary embolus or PE) which can be fatal.
- A **heart attack** because of strain on the heart or a stroke, both of which can be fatal.
- Bleeding** around the implant may occur. At worst, this will require return to the operating theatre to evacuate the blood clot and to stop the bleeding.
- There will be **bruising** after surgery. This usually settles after approximately 2-3 weeks
- Wound infection** may complicate the operation. The infection is usually treated with antibiotics, oral or intravenous, depending on its severity. This may lead to the wound opening up and / or increased scarring.
- Dehiscence or reopening of the wound may occur. This usually happens as a result of infection and is managed by treating the infection. Dehiscence in the absence of infection can be treated by resuturing the wound.
- Allergies to anaesthetic agents or antiseptic solutions
- Scarring: surgery results in scars, which may heal in unexpected ways. Unfavourable healing may result in scars that are wide, pigmented, lumpy, red, itchy, uncomfortable or even painful long term or even permanently.

Specific known risks OF BROWLIFT SURGERY

- Numbness in the forehead skin and /or in the scalp. This is usually temporary but may be long-term.
- Weakness of eyebrow elevation on one or both sides. This may result in one eyebrow being lower than the other. You may have the appearance of droopiness of the brow on one side.
- Asymmetry of the result: one brow being higher than the other.
- Bleeding may occur from the incision lines around the sutures or surgical clips.
- Collection of blood (haematoma) under the forehead skin or around the eye.
- Bruising around the eyes and swelling to a point of one eye closing.
- Infection around the incisions. Delayed infection of the retained screws may also occur up to one year after surgery
- Loss of hair around the scalp incisions. A bald patch may result.

PATIENT CONSENT

- The doctor has explained my condition and the proposed procedure. I understand the risks of the procedure, including the risks that are specific to me, and the likely outcomes. The doctor has explained other relevant treatment options and their associated risks.
- I have been given an Information Sheet** about the procedure and its risks. I was able to ask questions and raise concerns with the doctor about my condition, the procedure and its risks, and my treatment options. My questions and concerns have been discussed and answered to my satisfaction.
- I understand that Smoking increases the risks of surgery and if I choose to smoke, I accept these higher risks.**

