**Informed Consent:**

Please read the following carefully, and sign that you fully understand the risks. If you have any questions or do not understand the following information, please ask your physician during your consultation.

**ANESTHESIA:** General anesthesia comes with related risks, all of which were discussed during your appointment. Some may range from common risks such as damage teeth, hoarse voice, allergic reactions to drugs, and damage to the nerves, or asthma attacks. Other more serious related risks such as stroke, heart attack, kidney or lung damage, paralysis, or even death.

**OBESITY (BMI>40):** In any operative case, increased body mass increases complication rates across the board, specifically infection, hematomas, delayed healing, venous thromboembolism, and even death. If a patient’s BMI is greater than 40 (calculated in consultation) we may require additional Medical Clearance before we can determine if surgery is an option. Be aware, the weight limit for our outpatient surgery center is a BMI of 40 +/- 5%. Weight gain increasing BMI > of 5% of 40 may jeopardize your scheduled procedure. Patient may be referred to Primary Care Physician for a weight loss consultation, and we may ask a patient to consider weight reduction surgery.

**SMOKING:** Patients are advised that any result that they wish to achieve from surgery would be significantly improved by not smoking at least four weeks prior to the procedure and for 6 weeks afterward. Each patient should acknowledge that continued tobacco use significantly increases the likelihood of a local wound complication, to include but may not be limited to: infection, hematoma, compromise of any implant, and suboptimal quality of the scar once definitive healing is obtained. This is aside from any pulmonary sequelae or other more serious risks of general anesthesia.

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