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	SKIN GRAFT SURGERY INFORMED CONSENT FORM	

Patient Name-Surname:

Date of birth:

Date/Time:

Protocol Number:

INFORMATION ABOUT DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT:

Skin grafting is a very useful method for closing open wounds. If enough blood flow and tissue has developed in the wound to hold the skin patch, a skin graft can be applied. Skin grafts are generally classified according to their thickness as thin, thick or full thickness. The wound in the area where the skin is removed will heal spontaneously. If full-thickness skin has been removed, a thinner patch of skin must be placed here from elsewhere or the area where the skin has been removed at full thickness must be stitched closed. The areas where skin patches are applied are open wounds caused by accidents, burns, and tumor removal. Some wounds cannot be closed with just a skin patch; more complex surgical procedures may be required for these. In some cases, it may be necessary to use dressing changes and alternative methods for a while to make the wound fit for a skin patch. Although in some cases there is a possibility that the wound will heal on its own, it may be considered to apply a skin graft to that area, considering that this will take a very long time and the scar in this area will be unhealthy and bad.

Method:

Graft applications can be performed under general anesthesia or local anesthesia. Which type of anesthesia will be applied depends on the general condition of the patient, the area where the graft will be applied, the width of the wound and the age of the patient. After the skin area is prepared, pieces of skin are removed with the help of blades called dermatomes and the skin is applied to the areas where it will be applied. The dressing should not be opened for a while. This situation varies from patient to patient. While some wounds can remain unopened for a long time, some need to be opened in the early period, starting from the 3rd day. If the patient has any significant illnesses in his or her past and any medications he or she constantly uses, the doctor should be informed.

Alternatives:

In some areas where skin grafts are used, skin flaps or tissue expansion methods can also be used. Even if the areas of these methods do not overlap exactly with skin grafts, they can be alternatives to each other in some cases.

Risks of Surgery:

Bleeding: This is a possible condition. Blood thinners such as aspirin and similar painkillers increase bleeding during or after surgery. Bleeding that may occur after surgery is generally limited. If there is excessive bleeding, additional surgical intervention may be necessary.

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Infection: If the open wound is not cleaned sufficiently, a skin patch applied to this area may be lost due to infection. Therefore, very close monitoring, care, and even antibiotic use may be required.

Itching: Itching is an expected condition both in the area where the skin patch is removed and in the area where it is applied. Although this itching may be long-lasting, it is not considered a complication.

Difficulty in healing: Even if a graft is applied, especially in burns, surgical removal of tumors and chronic wounds, wound healing may not be at the expected level. Failure of skin patches to stick is often due to circulation problems where they are applied. Having a chronic wound, having received radiotherapy, and having poor blood circulation in the area to be treated may cause the skin patch to fail.

Skin patches can easily become injured and open in the early stages in the areas where they are applied. Therefore, they need to be carefully protected and well cared for to grow stronger. Additionally, when skin patches are applied to areas such as arms and legs, it is beneficial to keep these areas immobile. Otherwise, the graft may separate from the base due to movement and not hold.

Scar: The appearance of skin patches is never ideal, both in the area where they are removed and in the area where they are applied. Stains and patches of thickness may occur. Sometimes they can cause restriction of joint movements in joint areas. To control these, it may be necessary to apply pressure dressings and use some creams.

Sensation: Sensation in the area where the skin is applied is initially absent, but may develop slightly over time. Protective sensation may occur. However, normal sensation is never possible. Due to sensory problems, trauma to these areas may not be perceived. It is necessary to be careful about this.

Irregularities in skin lines: Depths and heights may occur in places where skin grafting is applied. These may get better over time.

Color change: The skin color in the area where it is taken and the appearance may change depending on the circulation of the area where it is applied. This color change may increase or decrease over time.

General risks and complications

Allergic Reactions: In rare cases, allergic reactions to the tapes, suture material or topical preparations used have been reported. More serious systemic reactions may occur with medications used during or prescribed after the surgical procedure. Allergic reactions may require additional treatment.

Anesthesia: Both local and general anesthesia carry risks. In all surgical anesthesia and sedation procedures, there is a possibility of complications ranging from the simplest to death.

Unsatisfactory Results: You may be disappointed with the results of your surgical procedure. Unsatisfactory surgical scarring may occur. There may be pain following surgery. Additional surgery may be required to correct the results.

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All the risks mentioned above are significantly increased in patients who smoke, are overweight, have diabetes, high blood pressure and previous heart disease.

Special Situations:

Allergy/Medications Used: I informed my doctor about all my known allergies. I also informed my doctor about the prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, herbal drugs, dietary supplements, illegal drugs, alcohol and narcotics I use. The effects of using these substances before and after surgery were explained to me by my doctor and recommendations were made.

Tobacco and Tobacco Products: I was told that smoking tobacco and tobacco products (cigarettes, hookah, cigars, pipes, etc.) before or after my surgery may cause my recovery process to prolong. I know that if I use any of these substances I have a greater risk of experiencing wound healing problems.

Medical research: Review of clinical information from my medical records for the advancement of medical study, medical research, and physician education; I give my consent on the condition that the patient confidentiality rules in the patient rights regulation are adhered to. I consent to the research results being published in the medical literature as long as patient confidentiality is protected. I am aware that I may refuse to participate in such a study and that this refusal will not adversely affect my treatment in any way.

Photo/Audience: I consent to the surgery to be performed, including appropriate parts of my body, being photographed or videotaped for scientific, medical or educational purposes, provided that the images do not reveal my identity. I also approve the introduction of qualified observers into the operating room during surgery in the interest of improving medical education.

Consent Verification:

I have read and understood the content of the informed consent form. My doctor answered all my questions. I decide with my own free will. I know that I have the right not to accept this intervention or to withdraw at any time.

Date / Time :

Name and surname of the patient and/or legal representative:

Signature:

Name-Surname of the person who will perform the transaction:

Date/Time:

Signature: