

Informed consent Facial Surgery

A Surgery is planned on/...../..... in o2 Clinic (Ringlaan 51, 2600 Berchem, Belgium).

The procedures are sent to the patient in a proposal.

The surgery planned is the same as the proposal sent to the patient:

- yes

- no: some small adjustments to the plan are made that are carefully written down in the preop file of the doctor and thoroughly discussed with the patient namely:

- The operation will be in anesthesia (choose local, local with sedation, general anesthesia). I as a patient understand that in addition to the risks of surgery the anesthesia carries its own risk. Allergic reactions can occur to the local anesthetic. Local anesthesia with sedation is intended to make you more comfortable during the procedure and suppresses the consciousness. Although many people may have mild, temporary symptoms, general anesthesia itself is exceptionally safe. Rare complications, which may occur more frequently elderly patients, include: Temporary mental confusion, lung infections, stroke, heart attack, death.

- The risks and hazards of the anesthesia have been explained to me, and I feel I have enough information to give this consent. I have been given an explanation of the proposed anesthesia plan and have been given the chance to ask questions about it as well as other options. I'm informed that after a procedure with sedation or general anesthesia I cannot drive the car that day.

- Potential complications of facial surgery include:
 - permanent numbness
 - change of skin sensitivity and feeling in certain areas (around the incisions and undermined area's, especially but not exclusively on the scalp and chin)
 - infection
 - hypertrophic scar (= wide thick scar)
 - asymmetry
 - esthetical displeasing result
 - over-/undercorrection
 - hairline recontouring: partial hair loss (mostly temporary)
 - sliding chin plasty: fracture of the lower jaw (very uncommon)
 - trachea shave (adams apple reduction): voice changes (temporary frequent, permanent very uncommon)
 - sliding chin plasty: devitalisation of lower front teeth (very uncommon)
 - facelift: temporary partial facial palsy (common)
 - facelift: permanent partial facial palsy (rare, more common in elderly people)
 - rhinoplasty: breathing problems
 - depression



- hairline lowering with expander: necrosis of the skin
 - forehead recontouring: double vision in certain directions (temporary in young people, sometimes permanent in elderly people)
 - in general, there is more risk for damage to nerves and muscle during secondary surgery, because scar tissue resulting from previous surgery can make the access to the field of operation more difficult.
- Dr Bart van de Ven can always convert a type 1 forehead reconturing into type 2, 3 or 4 and vice versa during the operation if he concludes this is esthetically necessary.
 - As a patient I realize that hoped results cannot be guaranteed or claimed. A minimum of 6 months is needed for the skin tissues to recover from swelling and bruising. One year of healing is needed before an adequate evaluation of results can be made.
 - In some cases, revision surgery may be needed. The surgeon's fees would be waived in this case. The patient will in such case only be responsible for the following costs:
 - Anesthesia
 - Hospital fees and overnight stay
 - Special materials and tests
 - I, the patient, declare that I have been duly informed by Dr. Bart van de Ven concerning my operation and authorize him to perform the operation. In the interview I have had the opportunity to propose and resolve any doubts and obtain all the complementary information I have felt necessary. Therefore, I consider myself able to weight the potential risks against the utility and benefits that the treatment can offer.
 - I understand all the content of this consent. I have no further questions and agree with this consent. The relation between the patient and Dr Bart van de Ven is governed by the Belgian law. Any dispute arising will be submitted to the competent court of Antwerp.
I confirm I have been given at least 15 days reflection time since the initial consultation and proposal.

Present date:/...../.....

Present place: Antwerp, Belgium.

Name Patient:

Signature patient: