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## **INFORMED CONSENT FOR GLAUCOMA SURGERY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This information is being provided to you so that you can make an informed decision about having glaucoma surgery. Please read the information carefully and feel free to ask questions about this material or any other concerns you may have regarding your upcoming surgery.

### **PROPOSE/PROCEDURE**

Dr. Sinha has recommended that you undergo glaucoma surgery. The purpose of this procedure is to lower your eye pressure. A new “drain” will be placed in your eye to filter the fluid from your eye. Dr. Sinha will select either a natural (constructed from your eye's own tissue) or artificial drain. If an artificial drain is selected, you will also require donor material to cover the drainage tube. This material is safe and effective. The goal of glaucoma surgery is to eliminate or reduce your dependence on pressure lowering medications.

### **ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT**

Surgery for glaucoma is generally recommended when patients do not respond to, or are intolerant of, prescription medication. There are several alternatives to conventional glaucoma surgery. Continuing eye drop therapy is one alternative to surgery. If a patient is on maximally tolerated therapy and their glaucoma continues to progress, surgery may be indicated to help slow or stop the damage to the optic nerve. Eye drops may be useful to slow the progression of glaucoma but may not be as effective as surgery.

Laser treatment (Trabeculoplasty) for glaucoma is another alternative to conventional surgery. Trabeculoplasty is not effective as conventional surgery in most patients but it does have a lower risk of complications.

**SURGICAL RISKS**

Glaucoma surgery is a safe and effective way to lower the eye pressure. In some patients, the “drain” stops working and may need to be replaced. Other complications of glaucoma surgery include, but are not limited to: pain, infection, bleeding, inflammation, eyelid droop, cataract, retinal detachment, loss of vision and loss of eye. Further surgery may be necessary if a complication occurs. Complications from surgery may result in permanent blindness.

**ANESTHESIA RISKS**

Local anesthesia with intravenous sedation is Dr. Sinha’s preferred method of anesthesia. Occasionally, general anesthesia may be necessary. Complications of any form of anesthesia may include, but are not limited to: drug reactions, brain damage or death.

**PATIENT CONSENT**

I, the undersigned, hereby give Dr. Sinha permission to perform glaucoma surgery on my **RIGHT / LEFT** (please circle) eye. I (understand the risk, benefits and alternatives to the proposed procedure). I have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the procedure and any questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

- I fully understand the risk, benefits and alternatives.
- I have read this consent form in its entirety.
- All my questions have been answered.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Doctor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_