

EPIRETINAL MEMBRANE INFORMED CONSENT

You have been given information about your condition and the recommended surgical procedure to be used. This consent form is designed to provide a written confirmation of such discussions by recording some of the more significant medical information given to you. It is intended to make you better informed so that you may give or withhold your consent to the proposed procedure(s).

Condition: Dr Dubey has explained to me that I have an **Epiretinal Membrane** at my macula.

This affects my RIGHT EYE LEFT EYE

Proposed Procedure(s): I understand that the procedure(s) proposed for evaluating and treating my condition is/are:

Vitrectomy + Epiretinal membrane peel +/- Internal Limiting membrane peel +/- Gas or air

Risks/Benefits of Proposed Procedure(s):

- Just as there may be benefits to the procedure(s) proposed, I also understand that medical and surgical procedures involve risks. These risks include allergic reaction, bleeding, blood clots, infections, adverse side effects of drugs, blindness, and even loss of bodily function or life, as well as risks of transfusion reactions and the transmission of infectious disease, including Hepatitis and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, from the administration of blood and/or blood components.
- I also realise that there are particular risks associated with the procedure(s) proposed for me and that these risks include, but are not limited to: Failure to achieve intent of surgery, Need for additional surgery, Pain, Inflammation, Infection, Elevated or Reduced Intraocular Pressure, Retinal Detachment/Tears/Holes, Haemorrhage, Abnormal Scarring, Cataract, Double Vision, Eyelid Droop (Ptosis), Visual Field Changes, Loss of Vision, and Loss of Eye.

Complications; Unforeseen Conditions; Results: I am aware that in the practice of medicine, other unexpected risks or complications not discussed may occur. I also understand that during the course of the proposed procedure(s) unforeseen conditions may be revealed requiring the performance of additional procedures, and I authorise such procedures to be performed. I further acknowledge that no guarantees or promises have been made to me concerning the results of any procedure or treatment.

Acknowledgments: The available alternatives, some of which include: no treatment, intra/periocular injections, or laser surgery, the potential benefits and risks of the proposed procedure, and the likely result without such treatment: loss of vision or stability, have been explained to me.

I understand what has been discussed with me as well as the contents of this consent form, and have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have received satisfactory answers.

Consent to Procedure(s) and Treatment: Having read this form and talked with Dr Dubey, my signature below acknowledges that: I voluntarily give my authorisation and consent to the performance of the procedure(s) described above (including the administration of blood and disposal of tissue) by my physician and/or his/her associates assisted by hospital personnel and other trained persons as well as the presence of observers.