OPUS laser resurfacing consent

**Cheeky Medspa** has explained to me that I am a good candidate for laser resurfacing treatment and that although laser treatments have been shown to be highly effective, no guarantees can be made that I will benefit from treatment. I understand that the most common side effects and complications of this laser treatment are the following:

1. **Pain.** The sharp, burning sensation of each laser pulse may produce a moderate to severe amount of discomfort. Topical anesthetic will be provided to assist with pain control.
2. **Swelling and oozing.** Areas most likely to swell are around the eyes and neck. A clear fluid (serum) will also be present in the lased areas and may create a crust (or scab) if the areas are not kept moist. The swelling, crusting, and oozing stage subsides within 5 to 7 days with regular application of ice and recommended skin products.
3. **Prolonged skin redness.** The laser-treated areas will initially appear bright red in color. The redness will last a few days, then light pink and back to baseline within 10 days.
4. **Skin darkening (hyperpigmentation).** This can occur in the treated areas and can last up to 2 years. This is not common. This reaction is more common in patients with olive or dark skin tones and can worsen if the laser-treated area is exposed to the sun.
5. **Skin lightening (hypopigmentation).** This can occur in an area of the skin that has already received prior treatment or can be a delayed response to the laser treatment. The light spots can darken or re-pigment in several months, but could be permanent. This is a rare complication.
6. **Scarring.** The risk of this complication is minimal, but it can occur whenever the skin’s surface is disrupted. Strict adherence to all advised postcare instructions will reduce the possibility of this occurrence.
7. **Infection.** A skin infection in the post treatment period can result. This risk is minimized by the use of good skin care.
8. **Allergic reaction.** It is possible that an allergic reaction to the topical cream can occur.
9. **Acne or milia formation**. Flare-up of acne or formation of milia can occur in the postoperative period.
10. **Hazards pertaining to the use of laser equipment.** Lasers are a form of light energy which can injure surrounding tissue including the eyes. Appropriate protective safeguards are taken to reduce this possibility.
11. Treated area could take 3-6 months to heal.
12. Compliance with recommended aftercare guidelines are crucial for healing, prevention of scarring and hyperpigmentation.
13. A burn is possible.

By providing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood all of the information written above. I feel that I have been adequately informed of my alternative treatment options, the risks of the proposed laser treatment, and the risks of not treating my condition. I hereby freely consent to the laser treatment to be performed by Cheeky Medspa and authorize the taking of clinical photographs.

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Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_