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Patient:	Procedure: Breast Augmentation	On Date:
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RISKS / COMPLICATIONS (rare or unusual complications can occur and may not be listed)

General

Allergic reactions to any drugs, antiseptics or equipment used	Dehiscence – wound opening up – may require prolonged dressings
Asymmetry (this may be better or worse than pre-operatively)	Skin loss/necrosis – may require prolonged dressings or surgery including skin grafts
Bleeding – may require further procedure	Swelling, Inflammation – may take months to resolve
Bruising – may take weeks to resolve	Slow healing
Haematoma (collection of blood under skin) – may require further procedure	Poor scarring – Keloid, Hypertrophic, unsightly – may be difficult to treat or improve
Infection – may require antibiotics or surgery or may cause tissue loss	Numbness around or beyond the area treated – may increase risk of inadvertent injury in future
Pain – may be long term	Pulmonary Embolus or Deep Vein Thrombosis – clots in the lung or legs
Changes in contour of tissues – may be visually apparent	Change over time – tissues may become thinner, droop or lose the effect of surgery

Specific to:

Capsule or capsular contracture – breast shape may change or distort – may require surgery or removal of implant	ALCL may develop – this cancer is uncommon – may need surgery and/or chemotherapy
Loss of nipple sensation – or increased sensitivity	Implant may rupture – further surgery will be needed
Folding or rippling of the implant – may require surgery	Seroma – fluid around the implant – may need drainage or surgery
Stretch marks may appear	Fold under breast may be lower
Implant will need to be removed if infected	More operations in lifetime almost certainly required
Displacement or movement of the implant post-operatively – may require surgery	Ability to breast feed may be affected – silicone may be detected in breast milk
Areola size may increase	Cancer detection may be affected
Position of implant below or above muscle may change risks – weakness, bleeding, visible movement may be affected	Breasts will change with pregnancy, weight gain or loss
Disappointment with final appearance	No guarantee of size, implant size may need to be modified according to tissues in theatre

Mr Dheansa has discussed the above risks and complications with me. I understand these. I have read Mr Dheansa's Breast Augmentation information leaflet **(Please Tick)**. I also understand other risks and complications can occur but may be less common as the practice of medicine and surgery is not an exact science. I understand the risks, benefits and limitations of the proposed procedure. Certain complications may affect my ability to work, socialise or do certain activities. This may sometimes be long term.

I permit the use of my non-identifiable photographs (pre-and post-operative) to be used for teaching, publication and to be shown to other patients. I can withdraw this permission at any time.

Patient Signature:

Patient Name:

Date:

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ADDITIONAL NOTES OR COMMENTS:

