

Baljit Dheansa FRCS MSc FRCS(Plast)
Consultant Plastic, Cosmetic & Reconstructive Surgeon

Patient:	Procedure: Facelift	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: Facelift

Numbness affecting cheeks, ears and neck which may be different on each side. May feel strange	Cold intolerance – sensitivity to the cold
Facial weakness that may be permanent – may lead to drooping of the face, difficulty closing eyes or mouth or eating – difficult to repair/resolve	Suture failure – tightening below the skin may lose its effect
Visible scarring	Earlobes may be stretched or pulled down
Loss of hair in the area close to incisions	Sensitivity of the skin
Differential improvement – some parts of the face may improve more than others	Residual folds of skin, puckered or rucked scars or dog ears – excess tissue usually at end of scar
Not enough change	Disappointment with the final appearance
Too much change	Contour irregularity
Loss of effect over time	Prolonged swelling
Loss of effect when swelling reduces	Visible or palpable lumps or stitches under the skin

Mr Baljit Dheansa has discussed the above risks and complications with me. I understand these. I have read Mr Dheansa's Facelift 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:

