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Patient:		Procedure:	Rhinoplasty	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: Rhinoplasty

Swelling can persist for up to 2 years	Not enough change
Bleeding, may require packing or re-operation	Excessive nostril show
Infection, may be severe and may significantly change nose shape	Loss of sensation meaning that difficult to know if nose is dripping
Change breathing – may be worse	Residual lumps/bumps under the skin
Change in smell (worse) – may be permanent	Too much change/overcorrection
Visible scarring on the skin of the nose/columella	Change of shape over time
Accidental “button holes” – cuts in the skin from under the skin during operation	Cartilage grafts may be required to support the structure of nose
Fracture of the base of the skull resulting in leak of CSF (fluid from around the brain)	Loss of correction of septum – reverts to previous shape
Septal perforation – may be difficult to repair	Residual scarring/swelling affecting final appearance
Inadequate straightening of septum	Disappointment with final appearance

Mr Dheansa has discussed the above risks and complications with me. I understand these. I have read Mr Dheansa’s Rhinoplasty 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:

