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## **JUVÉDERM® INFORMED CONSENT**

### **Background**

Juvéderm® is a hyaluronic acid compound used as a dermal filler. Juvéderm® has been approved by the FDA for use in cosmetic treatments of fine facial wrinkles and folds. Treatment with Juvéderm® can smooth out folds and wrinkles, add volume to the lips, and contour facial features that have lost their fullness due to aging, sun exposure, illness, etc. Facial rejuvenation can be carried out with minimal complications. Juvéderm® is injected into the skin with a very fine needle. The product produces a natural volume under the wrinkle, which is lifted up and smoothed out. The results can often be seen immediately. Treating wrinkles with Juvéderm® is fast and safe and leaves no scars or other traces on the face. Treatments generally last for up to 6 months or longer. Multiple treatments may be necessary to achieve desired results. Touch up treatments may be necessary to maintain desired results. People with a history of cold sores may experience a recurrence after the treatment, although this can be minimized by the use of antiviral medicines.

### **Risks and Complications**

This list is not meant to be inclusive of all possible risks and complications associated with Juvéderm® as there are both known and unknown side effects associated with any medication or procedure. The possible side effects of Juvéderm® include but are not limited to:

1. Post-treatment discomfort, pain, swelling, redness, bleeding, bruising, and discoloration.
2. Infections can occur which in most cases are easily treatable but in rare cases a permanent scarring in the area can occur.
3. Allergic reaction, particularly to bacterial proteins. Asthma, hay fever, eczema, or a history of multiple allergies may increase this risk.
4. Re-activation of herpes (cold-sores). This can be minimized with the use of anti-viral medications.
5. Lumpiness, visible yellow or white patches in approximately 20 % of cases.
6. Granuloma formation.
7. Localized necrosis and/or sloughing, with or without scab if blood vessel occlusion occurs.

### **Photographs**

Clinical photographs and their use for shall be used for the patient's medical record and for scientific purposes both in publications and in presentations. The patient's identity will always be protected.

### **Contraindications**

JUVÉDERM™ injectable gel is contraindicated for patients with severe allergies manifested by a history of anaphylaxis or history or presence of multiple severe allergies.

JUVÉDERM™ injectable gel contains trace amounts of gram positive bacterial proteins and is contraindicated for patients with a history of allergies to such material.

The safety of Juvéderm® for use in pregnancy, in nursing females, or in patients under the age of 18 has not been established. Such patients should be cautioned before receiving Juvéderm®.

### **Results**

There is no guarantee, warranty, or assurance of results of any treatment. Clinical results vary from patient to patient. Multiple treatments or additional touch ups may be necessary to achieve desired results. Treatments generally last for six to 12 months.

