

INFORMED CONSENT – COSMETIC SURGERY – CUZALINA

Patient First Name

Patient Last Name

Date of Birth

Age

Gender

Male

Female

Other

Procedures Consenting to:

1) Full Lower Face and Neck Lift

2) Chin Implant

3) Fat Grafting to Chin

4) Pain Shot

- Nextech Consent Disclaimer

Surgical Procedures Scheduled for: 7-7-2026

I authorize and direct Dr. Angelo Cuzalina with associates or assistants of his or her choice, to perform the following procedure(s) on

I further authorize the physician(s) and assistants to do any other procedure that in their judgment may be necessary or advisable should unforeseen circumstances arise during the procedure.

The details of the procedure have been explained to me in terms I understand including but not limited to:

Technique. The preferred technique that will be used for my surgery and why it is best for me.

Anesthesia. The type of anesthesia for this procedure can range from local anesthesia, where the patient is awake but the area is numb; intravenous sedation or twilight anesthesia, where the patient is half asleep and half awake; to general anesthesia, where the patient is completely asleep. I understand I will be receiving General Alternative methods and their benefits and disadvantages have been explained to me. These include not having the surgery at all. There are risks associated with surgical and nonsurgical options, and I have discussed with Dr. Angelo Cuzalina and/or staff the best treatment alternative for me.

GENERAL RISKS

In addition to the risks specific to the procedure, the most likely risks and complications for any surgical procedure include but are not limited to:

Bruising which is caused by blood in the tissues under the skin. Any time an incision is made some blood vessels are cut resulting in bruising. It may be minimal or significant. During the healing process this blood is broken down by the body and absorbed, resulting in a change of color of the bruise. Sometimes it may take three weeks or longer for a bruise to disappear. Rarely, some discoloration of the skin may be permanent.

Bleeding can occur either during or afterward the procedure. A collection of blood in the body is called a hematoma. If this develops after surgery, and is severe, blood transfusions or emergency surgery to stop the bleeding might be necessary. Bleeding may occur any time up to two weeks after the procedure. A patient who is given blood thinners to reduce the risk of blood clots has a higher risk of bleeding.

Infection can occur any time there is a cut in the skin. Although the surgery will be performed using sterile technique in the clean environment of the operating room, there will always be a risk of infection. If an infection occurs it might require treatment with antibiotics, cause delayed healing, result in incision separation, or require hospitalization.

Swelling will occur in the area of the surgery. This usually worsens over the first 48 hours and then begins to resolve slowly. In some cases, it may take months for the swelling to completely go away.

Pain is a common effect from any surgery. Some people are more susceptible to pain than others. Nerve endings that are cut during surgery can take a long time to heal. In some cases, a patient may have residual pain that lasts weeks, months, or longer. Chronic pain might require additional treatment, medications, or referral to a pain specialist. In very unusual cases the pain may be permanent.

Scarring after surgery is related to the combination of the surgeon's technique and the patient's capacity to heal. Some of the more common factors that affect the body's healing include nutrition, chronic disease, smoking, and genetic factors. Speed and completeness of healing is out of the doctor's control and a patient may be left with a scar that is thick, purple, raised, or otherwise noticeable. It takes a full year for the scar to heal completely. Treatments to make scarring less noticeable include scar fade creams, injection of medication into the scar, laser treatments, or surgical removal of the scar. Even with these treatments, it is possible the scar will remain thick, discolored, or obvious.

Numbness can occur in the area of the procedure due to skin nerves that are cut during the surgery. Most of these nerves are too small to be seen by the doctor. As the body heals these small nerve endings slowly grow back and sensation gradually returns to the skin. This process may take many months to complete and occasionally there may be permanent areas of numbness. There may also be temporary or permanent hyper-sensitivity of the skin in the area of the surgery.

Asymmetry. When performing surgery on both sides of the body (i.e. eyes, face, breasts, etc.), there may be differences in appearance of the two sides afterwards. This is especially true if a difference was present before the procedure. The doctor will do his or her best to make both sides be as similar as possible. There may be residual differences that cannot be corrected even with additional surgery.

Other organ injury. During the surgical procedure there might be inadvertent injury to deeper tissues or organs.

Disappointment. Although good results are expected, there is NO GUARANTEE as to the outcome of the procedure. Disappointment with the results can occur despite the best efforts of the doctor. Disappointment may also occur even when the outcome matches expectations. During the first two weeks it is normal to have some anxiety while experiencing bruising, swelling, and recovery. The doctor should be informed if disappointment and/or anxiety continue more than two weeks after surgery.

Hospitalization may be necessary if any complication is severe enough.

Expense. Any complication can result in additional expense. The treatment of any complication might require additional surgery and therefore additional cost.

Time off work. Treatment or recovery from complications might require additional time off work.

Other serious risks. During the surgery itself or the recovery period, a heart attack, stroke, blood clot in the lungs (pulmonary embolism) or other unexpected event could occur. These could result in serious permanent disability or even death.

Unspecified risks or problems can occur but are less common. Just because a risk or complication has not been listed does not mean it could not happen.

The risks and potential complications listed above have been explained to me and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers that I understand.

- I agree to avoid smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke during the 2 weeks before surgery and at least 2 weeks after surgery. I understand that it can significantly increase the risk of poor healing, infection, skin loss, and incision separation.
- I accept financial responsibility for all costs associated with my procedure, additional surgery that may be undertaken to improve the outcome, as well as any additional charges for treatment of complications.
- I have informed the doctor of all my known allergies.
- I have informed the doctor of all medications I am currently taking, including prescriptions, over-the-counter remedies, herbal therapies, and other.
- I have been advised whether I should avoid taking any or all of these medications on the days before and after the procedure.

- I understand I must not take aspirin-containing products, also known as NSAIDS, or Motrin, Advil, etc. for two weeks before surgery and for two weeks after surgery.
- I understand that a responsible adult must stay with me for at least the first night after surgery if I have either general anesthesia or intravenous sedation.
- I understand that I can only be discharged after general anesthesia or intravenous sedation to the care of a responsible adult. I cannot be put in a taxi for the drive home.
- I give permission to Dr. Angelo Cuzalina and associates to take photographs and/or videos for diagnostic purposes and to enhance the medical record. I agree that these photographs and videos will remain his property and he may use them for medical, scientific or other teaching presentations and publications. Photos will not be used for the doctor's website or social media unless an additional specific release is given by me.
- I understand and accept that no guarantees about the results of the procedure have been made. The doctor and/or staff has answered all of my questions regarding this procedure to my satisfaction.
- I certify that I have read and I understand all of the contents of this consent form.

I understand and accept that no guarantees about the results of the procedure have been made. The staff has answered all of my questions regarding this procedure to my satisfaction. and I have read and understand all information presented to me before signing this consent form. I have been given an opportunity to have all of my questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand the procedure and accept the risks. I agree to the terms of this agreement

Patient Signature

E-Signature (draw, upload or type)

Date: