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**PATIENT'S INFORMED CONSENT FORM
FOR ELECTRODESSICATION**

Electrodesiccation has been done today by Dr. G. Nield for the treatment of Keratosis, moles, skin tags, Telangiectases, Angiomas, A.K's, skin cancer and spider naevi.

I understand that the treated lesion(s) will immediately have a white/grey crust on the surface and may have surrounding redness and swelling. The crust may get darker within a day and depending on the location will last for 1-2 weeks. (Face usually 1 week, neck, rest of the body-2 weeks, and legs can last 2-3 weeks). If I pick the crust off, it will increase the risk of scarring.

I understand that possible side effects include:

- Scarring
- Skin discoloration-lighter or darker
- It may be red for a number of weeks after the crust falls off
- The lesion may need subsequent treatments
- There is a small risk of infection occurring
- The lesion may reoccur
- Blood vessel lesions occasionally actually increase in size after treatment (eg: spider naevi)

I understand that I can shower within 12 hrs after treatment; I can wear a bandaid to protect the lesion for a few days or even use a topical antibiotic cream. However, often times; I can expose the crust to the air and let it dry up and fall off on its own.

I will not apply moisturizers or makeup on the treated area until the crust has fallen off. I will avoid sun exposure after treatment, at least one month.

For patients who have had a mole removed using a shave biopsy technique. Since Xylocaine is used, it will be numb for 1 hour; it usually does not hurt once the freezing wears off, but may itch as it heals. Once the crust falls off, the skin may be red for a number of weeks. This will fade eventually, and can be covered with makeup. There will be a small scar at the side of the prior mole. Very rarely excess scar tissue forms. This is called a keloid. Notify Doctor Nield if this happens. Occasionally the mole will reoccur and may need re-treatment.

For patients who have had a skin cancer (BCC or SCC) removal-remember-by doing a shave biopsy and then desiccation and scraping the skin at least 3 times gives a 90% cure rate.

- ◇ The crust can last 2-4 weeks.
- ◇ There is a small chance of infection – use topical antibiotic cream 2x1 day for 1-2 weeks.
- ◇ Wash gently, pat dry and put on antibiotic cream, may cover with bandaid for first few days.

I agree to photographs being taken to evaluate treatment effectiveness, for medical education, training, professional publication or sales purposes. No photographs revealing my identity will be used without my written consent. If my identity is not revealed, these photographs may be used and displayed publicly without my permission.

Patient's Signature: _____

Date: _____