CRANLEIGH GARDENS MEDICAL CENTRE

**MINOR SURGERY CONSENT FORM**

Dr Dillon, assisted by a health care assistant, will be carrying out this procedure.

There are a few points that should be considered by patients:

* The decision to perform a minor surgery procedure will come from discussion between the patient and their doctor taking into account whether there is a real need to intervene, the patient’s eligibility to undergo procedures under local anaesthesia and the patient’s ability to give informed consent.
* The doctor has explained the procedure including the anaesthetic technique, type of wound, stitches and aftercare
* Patient are only expected to consent to the procedure if they understand:
  + Why the procedure is needed
  + Potential complications of the operation
    - **Wound infection**
    - **Flap necrosis/delayed healing**
    - **Bleeding and bruising**
    - **Scar**- This is not always predictable as healing process differs between patients. In a few rare cases scarring can appear worse than the original lesion due to hypertrophic scars (the body making too much scar tissue)
    - **Altered sensation** to the skin and in rare cases **damage to nerves**
    - **Incomplete removal** (this may or may not require further surgery)
    - **Further surgery** if the lesion is more sinister than expected
  + Patients are expected to follow instructions given to care for the wound to help avoid complications
  + Follow suggested time for the removal of the stitches (if applicable)

Procedure

GP Signature …………………….. Dr Cathryn Dillon

I consent to the minor surgical procedure as described to me by the doctor. I have read the information detailed above and understand fully the reasons for the procedure.

Signed …………………………………………Date: Friday, 24 April 2020

**Surgical Safety Check-list**

**The patient has confirmed:**

* Identity
* Site of procedure
* What procedure is taking place
* Consent is signed

**Considerations around the procedure:**

* Is the patient on blood-thinning medication?
  + If Yes – what is the latest INR and when was it checked?
* Does the patient have a pacemaker?
* Is the patient allergic to local anaesthetic, latex or chlorhexidine?
* Has the site been marked and the size of the wound been demonstrated to the patient?
* Does the patient have any breathing /airway considerations?

**Post-Operative considerations:**

* Has the procedure been documented in the notes?
* Have all sharps and instruments been accounted for?
* Has the specimen been labelled – checking name and details on the accompanying form?
* Has the patient been given after-care instructions?