

Nicotine Risk Consent Form

Please choose one of the following:

- ☐ **NEVER** a smoker: I am currently a non-smoker and do not use nicotine products of any kind, and never have in the past.
- ☐ **FORMER** smoker or nicotine user: I am currently a non-smoker and do not use nicotine products of any kind. My quit date was: _____
- ☐ **CURRENT** smoker or nicotine user. I currently smoke or use nicotine products. Amount per week: _____

Nicotine policy: Smoking and the use of nicotine-containing products have been clearly associated with increased complications after surgery. Therefore, for patient safety, some elective cosmetic surgical procedures are not offered by Dr. David Bauer or Dr. Zachary Young to persons who use tobacco or any nicotine containing products. This includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, DIP, smokeless tobacco, E cigarettes, vape pens, nicotine replacement substances such as chewing gum/patches (eg: Nicorette). Patients having certain cosmetic surgical procedures will be tested prior to surgery for nicotine with a blood or urine test at the surgeon's discretion. Even being in the presence of secondhand smoke can cause you to become nicotine positive and compromise your surgery and its outcome. Any positive test, **even if from secondhand smoke**, may result in cancellation of surgery.

The risks of smoking are reduced, but not eliminated over time. These risks include wound healing that may require longer healing times and additional surgery. Therefore, unless otherwise specified in writing, no surgery will be performed on patients who are nicotine positive. Revision procedures may not be discounted or physician fees covered for patients who are nicotine positive.

Arkansas Plastic Surgery cancellation and rescheduling policies will apply as appropriate due to nicotine related cancellations at the discretion of the surgeon. Refer to our Financial Policy for more details (given to you with your New Patient forms as well as in your Pre Op Packet at your consultation). Please ensure that you will test negative for nicotine on the day of surgery! Nicotine test kits are available at most drug stores. If you believe that a test was falsely positive, you have the right to have a second test within 48 hours performed, in order to avoid monetary penalty.

I, _____, understand that a positive nicotine test the day of surgery will result in

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cancellation of surgery at the surgeon's discretion. If I have a surgery canceled due to a positive nicotine test that was not refuted by follow-up testing, I will have to have a negative nicotine test before any future surgeries are scheduled and I will again be tested the day of surgery for any future procedures. I also understand that I will be financially responsible for forfeiture of payments made prior to canceled surgery as well as any rescheduling fees for future surgery as per Arkansas Plastic Surgery's Financial Policy.

SIGNATURE: _____

PATIENT NAME: _____

DATE: _____