

CONSENT FOR LIP REDUCTION

Page 1 of 2

Patient's Name	Chart #	Date
----------------	---------	------

I have been informed that I have the following condition(s): _____

The procedure(s) to treat my condition(s) has/have been describes as: _____

Please initial each paragraph after reading. If you have any questions, please ask your doctor before initialing.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD AND I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- _____ 1. Lip reduction is a cosmetic and/or functional technique used to reduce the bulk of the upper and/or lower lip in patients that wish to have smaller lips for cosmetic reasons or, in some cases, where patients are biting their lip during normal function and wish to have smaller lips to improve that situation.
- _____ 2. I understand that this procedure is performed by removing a wedge of tissue on the inside surface of the lip which will then pull the excess lip tissue tighter to lessen the size of the lip and to show less lip protrusion.
- _____ 3. I understand that there is no guarantee that this procedure will meet my expectations.
- _____ 4. I understand it's impossible to predict someone's result, "for instance looking 10 years younger."
- _____ 5. I understand that there could be permanent changes in the nerves to this area that would cause numbness and/or movement problems that could be temporary or permanent.
- _____ 6. I realize that bleeding or infection is a possibility.
- _____ 7. I realize that, like any other surgery, a revision or touch-up procedure may be necessary. A surgical fee will be charged commensurate with the extent of the revision.

Joe Niamtu, III, DMD Cosmetic Facial Surgery
CONSENT FOR LIP REDUCTION

Page 2 of 2

- _____ 8. In some patients, lip reduction surgery can shorten the lip (s) and although rare, if this occurs, the patient will show more teeth when smiling or with the lips relaxed. Dr. Niamtu will explain this to the patient.
- _____ 9. Patients must understand that in some patients significant swelling can occur and take several weeks to resolve. Although the average patient will look presentable in 2 weeks, some patients will experience extended swelling that could take longer to resolve.
- _____ 10. The incisions are placed so they will be on the inside of the mouth and not visible. Initially, due to swelling, the sutures will be visible and will fold back into a hidden position as the swelling subsides.
- _____ 11. The incision line will initially appear lumpy or bumpy and this is normal. As healing proceeds the suture line will smooth out.
- _____ 12. The biggest thing to keep in mind is that the lips are very sensitive regions and swelling and incision appearance may initially be unsightly. Patients must understand the initial appearance will improve with time and must be very patient as it does not happen overnight.
- _____ 13. In a small number of cases, a touch up procedure may be necessary for areas of asymmetry or unfavorable scars.

My doctor and his staff have gone over the procedure and complications with me, and I give them permission to perform this procedure.

Patient's (or Legal Guardian's) Signature Date

Witness' Signature Date

Doctor's Signature Date