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Informed Consent Policy

Policy: It is the policy of Hudson Dermatology that an informed consent be signed prior to procedures such as, aesthetic treatments, cosmetics procedures, biopsies, Moh's surgery, excisions and modified DANA procedures. Informed consent allows patients and/or the patient's guardian to voluntarily decide whether or not to have a particular treatment or procedure. The patient is to have their diagnosis, all treatment options and possible side effects explained to them before a consent form is signed. The patient is to be allotted ample time to read any information or ask any questions they may have about the treatment or procedure.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure that the patient is well informed of their options prior to having a recommended treatment or procedure.
- Ensure that the patient and the physician completely understand the rationale for the procedure/treatment that is being recommended.
- Ensure that the patient and physician understand the expected outcome of the procedure/treatment that is being recommended.

Hudson Dermatology understands that there are several populations that may require additional protections. The populations include children, individuals who are non-English speaking, individuals who have DPOA-HC and subjects who are unable to provide informed consent. In order to provide proper protections, the informed consent process for these populations is often more complex and will be addressed on a case by case basis.