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# LASER PHOTOCOAGULATION

**WITH OR WITHOUT RETROBULBAR INJECTION INFORMED CONSENT**

Name: Date:

LASER PHOTOCOAGULATION of the eye for proliferative diabetic retinopathy.

EXPLANATION OF LASER TREATMENT AND RISKS

The laser provides a source of very concentrated light energy. In medical uses of laser, the light energy of the laser beam is absorbed by the tissue, which is treated, and the light energy is changed into heat energy. The heat energy cauterizes or welds the tissue. The eye may be uncomfortable for days to weeks after treatment. A prediction of postoperative visual acuity in any specific patient is not possible.

If this technique is applied to your eye, you should be aware of some possible risks of the procedure. As with any operation, complications are possible. Some of the possible complications include:

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| Failure to achieve intent of surgery | Loss of Central of Side Vision | Bleeding in the eye | Corneal burns |
| Damage to lens (cataract) | Retinal Holes | Collection of fluid in the back of the eye | Damage to the optic nerve |
| Damage to the optic nerve | Early or late increase of pressure in the eye  a.k.a Glaucoma | Damage to the Iris | Damage to an intrao- ocular lens |
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1. Destruction of visual cells in the center of the retina called the fovea, which produces a blind spot in the center of the vision. 2. Bleeding from the retina, which may cause reduced vision. 3. Decreased vision in dim light and at night. 4. Decreased color vision.

If retrobulbar anesthesia is required for treatment its risks include:

1. Injury of the eye or optic nerve with loss of vision. 2. Hemorrhage. 3. Double vision.

# PATIENT CONSENT

The above explanation has been read by/to me and my questions regarding the treatment and risks have been answered. I agree to undergo laser photocoagulation in my eye. Although I understand that unforeseen results and complications may occur, I authorize BRIAN M. BROWN, M.D. to perform this procedure. I fully understand that in his best judgment, the potential benefits outweigh the risks and give me the best opportunity for maintenance and restoration.

Patient Witness