

INFORMED CONSENT FOR COSMETIC ACUPUNCTURE

DEFINITIONS – “Cosmetic Acupuncture” shall mean Facial & Body Points, Integrated Microneedling, and NanoNeedling.

INSTRUCTIONS – This is an informed consent document that has been prepared to help your acupuncturist inform you concerning Cosmetic Acupuncture treatments, the risks involved, and possible alternatives. Please be advised that this is not a surgical procedure. It is important that you read this information carefully and completely. Please initial each page, indicating that you have read the page and sign the consent for Cosmetic Acupuncture treatments, as proposed by your acupuncturist.

INTRODUCTION – A Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment involves the insertion of acupuncture needles into fine lines and wrinkles on the face and neck in order to reduce the visible signs of aging. In Oriental medicine, the meridians or pathways of Qi (energy) flow throughout the entire body from the soles of the feet up to the face and head; consequently, a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment addresses the entire body constitutionally and is not merely “cosmetic.” Cosmetic Acupuncture involves the patient in an organic, gradual process that is customized for each individual. It is no way analogous to, or a substitute for, a surgical “face lift”.

BENEFITS – Cosmetic Acupuncture can increase facial tone, decrease puffiness around the eyes, as well as bring more firmness to sagging skin, enhance the radiance of the complexion, and flesh out sunken areas. Customarily, fine wrinkles will disappear, and deeper lines will be reduced. As this treatment is not merely confined to the face, but incorporates the entire body and issues of health.

Contraindications for Treatment:

High blood pressure
Problems with bleeding or bruising Severe
Migraine headaches Parkinson’s disease
Recent Microdermabrasion
Diabetes mellitus
Cancer
AIDS
Recent laser treatments
Hepatitis
Vertigo

Hemophilia
Botox treatments in the last six months
Dermal filler (Restylane, Juvederm, Radiesse, etc.)
Any skin diseases (poison ivy, eczema, hives)
Pregnancy
Cold or flu
Herpes outbreak
Allergic reactions
Extreme stress or tension

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT – Improvement of sagging skin, wrinkles and fatty deposits may be attempted by other treatments or surgery such as a surgical facelift, chemical face peels, or liposuction. Risk and potential complications are associated with these alternative forms of treatment.

RISKS OF COSMETIC ACUPUNCTURE – Every procedure involves a certain amount of risk, and it is important that you understand the risks involved with Cosmetic Acupuncture. An individual’s choice to undergo a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment is based upon the comparison of the risk to potential benefit. Although the majority of patients do not experience the following complications, you should discuss each of them with your acupuncturist to make sure you understand the risks, potential complications, and consequences of a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment.

- **BLEEDING** – It is possible, though very unusual, that you may have problems with bleeding during a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. Should post-acupuncture bleeding occur, it will usually only consist of a few drops. Accumulations of blood under the skin may cause a bruise, or hematoma, which will resolve itself.
- **INFECTION** – Infection is very unusual after a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. Should an infection occur, additional treatment, including antibiotics, may be necessary.
- **DAMAGE TO DEEPER STRUCTURES** – Deeper structures such as blood vessels and muscles are rarely damaged during the course of a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. If this does occur, the injury may be temporary or permanent.
- **ASYMMETRY** - The human face is normally asymmetrical. Thus, there can be a variation from one side to the other in the results attained from a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment.
- **BRUISING AND PUFFINESS** - There is a possibility of bruising (hematomas), puffiness, blood, tingling, itching, warmth, pain or other symptoms at the site of the needle.
- **NERVE INJURY** - Injuries to the motor or sensory nerves rarely result from Cosmetic Acupuncture treatments. Nerve injuries may cause temporary or permanent loss of facial movements and feeling. Such injuries may improve over time. Injury to sensory nerves of the face, neck and ear regions may cause temporary or more rarely permanent numbness. Painful nerve scarring is very rare.
- **NEEDLE SHOCK** - Needle shock is a rare complication after a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment.
- **UNSATISFACTORY RESULT** - There is the possibility of a poor result from a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. You may be disappointed with the results.
- **ALLERGIC REACTIONS** - In rare cases, local allergies to topical preparations have been reported. Systemic reactions which are more serious may occur to herbs used during a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. Allergic reactions may require additional treatment.
- **DELAYED HEALING** - Delayed wound healing or wound disruption are a rare complication experienced by patients in the aftermath of a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. There is a greater risk for smokers, who frequently have dry, sagging skin, which does not heal as readily as that of non-smokers.
- **LONG TERM EFFECTS** - Subsequent alterations in facial appearance may occur as the result of the normal process of aging, weight loss or gain, sun exposure, or other circumstances not related to a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. A Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment does not arrest the aging process or produce permanent tightening of the face and neck. Future Cosmetic Acupuncture maintenance treatments, or other treatments, may be necessary to maintain the results of a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment.

MICRONEEDLING - Microneedling is the insertion of very fine needles into the skin for the purpose of rejuvenating the skin.

Contraindications:

Accutane within 6 months	Chemotherapy
Scleroderma	Steroid therapy
Collagen vascular disease	Dermatological diseases affecting the face
Cardiac abnormalities	Diabetes and other chronic conditions
Rosacea	Active bacterial infections
Blood clotting problems	Fungal infections
Platelet abnormalities	Immune suppression
Anticoagulation therapy (i.e.: Warfarin)	Scars less than 6 months old
Facial cancer (past and present)	Botox/facial fillers in the past 2-4 weeks

Treatment is not recommended for patients who are pregnant or nursing.

Precautions: keloid or raised scarring, eczema, psoriasis, actinic keratosis, and herpes simplex.

Side Effects Typically Include:

- Skin may be pink or red and feel warm like mild sunburn, or tight and itchy. All of which typically subsides within 12-48 hrs.
- Minor flaking or dryness of the skin, with scab formation in rare cases.
- Crusting, discomfort, bruising and swelling may occur.
- Pinpoint bleeding.
- It is possible to have a cold sore flare if you have a history of outbreaks.
- Freckles may lighten temporarily or permanently disappear in treated areas.
- Infection is rare but if you see any signs of tender redness or pus notify our office immediately.
- Hyperpigmentation (darkening of the skin) rarely occurs and usually resolves itself after a month.
- Permanent scarring is extremely rare.

HEALTH INSURANCE - Most health insurance companies exclude coverage for a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment and/or any complications that might occur from a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. Please carefully review your health insurance subscriber information pamphlet.

ADDITIONAL CARE NECESSARY - There are many variable conditions in addition to risk and potential complications that may influence the long-term result from a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. Even though risks and complications occur infrequently, the risks cited are the ones that are particularly associated with a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment. Other complications and risks can occur but are even more uncommon. Should complications occur, other treatments may be necessary. The practice of acupuncture is not an exact science. Although good results are expected, there is no guarantee or warranty, either expressed or implied, on the results that may be obtained.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES - The cost of a Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment involves several charges for the services provided. The total includes fees charged by your acupuncturist, the cost of acupuncture supplies, and topical preparations. Depending on whether the cost of your Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment is covered by an insurance plan, you will be responsible for necessary co-payments, deductibles, and charges not covered.

DISCLAIMER - Informed-consent documents are used to communicate information about the proposed procedure along with disclosure of risks and alternative forms of treatment(s). The informed consent process attempts to define principles of risk disclosure that should generally meet the needs of most patients in most circumstances. However, informed consent documents should not be considered all-inclusive in defining other methods of care and risks encountered. Your acupuncturist may provide you with additional or different information which is based upon all the facts in your particular case and the present state of knowledge within the field of acupuncture. Informed consent documents are not intended to define or serve as the standard of acupuncture. Standards of acupuncture are determined on the basis of all the facts involved in an individual case and are subject to change as scientific knowledge and technology advance and as practice patterns evolve. It is important that you read the above information carefully and have all of your questions answered before signing the following consent.

CONSENT FOR COSMETIC ACUPUNCTURE PROCEDURE OR TREATMENT

1. I hereby authorize Dr. Brooke Baggett-Milbourne and such assistants as may be selected to perform Cosmetic Acupuncture. I have received the INFORMED CONSENT FOR COSMETIC ACUPUNCTURE.
2. I recognize that during the course of the Cosmetic Acupuncture treatment, unforeseen conditions may necessitate different procedures than those above. I therefore authorize the above acupuncturist and assistants or designees to perform such other procedures that are in the exercise of his or her professional judgment necessary and desirable. The authority granted under this paragraph shall include all conditions that require treatment and are not known to my acupuncturist at the time the procedure is begun.
3. I acknowledge that no guarantee has been given by anyone as to the results that may be obtained.
4. I authorize the release of my Social Security number to appropriate agencies for legal reporting and medical device registration, if applicable.
5. IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME IN A WAY THAT I UNDERSTAND:
 - A. THE ABOVE TREATMENT OR EXPOSURE TO BE UNDERTAKEN
 - B. THERE MAY BE ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES OR METHODS OF TREATMENT
 - C. THERE ARE RISKS TO THE PROCEDURE OR TREATMENT PROPOSED

I CONSENT TO THE TREATMENT OR PROCEDURE AND THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS (1-5). I AM SATISFIED WITH THE EXPLANATION.

Patient Name: _____

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____

(or Person Authorized to Sign for Patient)

Practitioner: _____

Dr. Brooke Baggett-Milbourne

Date: _____

COSMETIC ACUPUNCTURE AND MICRONEEDLING AND NANONEEDLING

SERVICE WAIVER FORM

This Cosmetic Acupuncture and Microneedling and NanoNeedling Service waiver form (this

“Waiver”) dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

IN CONSIDERATION of being allowed to participate in the Service and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

I (the “Participant”), _____ of

_____ (address of the “Participant”)

agree with Dr. Brooke Baggett-Milbourne of 13403 N Government Way, Suite 307, Hayden, ID 83835, USA (the “Service Provider”) to the following:

DETAILS OF SERVICE

1. The Participant will be participating in the following Service: Acupuncture, Frequency Stimulation, Microneedling and/or NanoNeedling, Gua Sha, Cupping of the body or face, Topical products for the benefit of the skin or relief and/or support of the body (the “Service”) provided by the Service Provider.

CONSIDERATION

2. Being of lawful age and in consideration of being provided the Service, the Participant releases and forever discharges the Service Provider, the Service Provider’s spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, and assigns from all manner of actions, causes of action, debts, accounts, bonds, contracts, claims and demands for or by reason of any injury to the person or property, including injury resulting in the death of the Participant, which has been or may be sustained as a consequence of the Participant’s participation in the Service, and notwithstanding that such damage, loss or injury may have been caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Service Provider.
3. The Participant understands that the Participant will not be permitted to participate in the Service unless the Participant signed this Waiver.

CONCURRENT RELEASE

4. The Participant acknowledges that this Waiver is given with the express intention of effecting the extinguishment of certain obligations owed to the Participant by the Service Provider, and with the intention of binding the Participant's spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, and assigns.

FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE

5. The Participant acknowledges to the Service Provider that the Participant does not have any physical limitations, medical ailments, contraindications, or physical or mental disabilities that would limit or prevent the Participant from participating in the Service. The Participant acknowledges that they have disclosed all relevant medical history and procedures.

FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT

6. The Participant acknowledges and agrees with the Service Provider that (1) the Service Provider has given the Participant sufficient time to carefully read this Waiver, (2) the Participant has been given the opportunity and has been encouraged to seek independent legal advice prior to signing this Waiver, (3) the Participant fully understands the risks and claims that the Participant is waiving to participate in the Service, (4) the Participant is freely and voluntarily executing this Waiver and (5) the Participant is forever prevented from suing or otherwise claiming against the Service Provider for any property loss or personal injury that the Participant may sustain while participating in or preparing for the Service.

GOVERNING LAW

7. This Waiver will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

8. Emergency Contact information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Participant has duly affixed their signature on this

_____ day of _____, _____.

Participant Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Witness Signature: _____