

SKIN ADVANCEMENT FLAP/SKIN GRAFT

Dr. Roland and you are considering an operation called a skin advancement flap. This is an operation in which skin from one part of the body is partially or completely removed and placed in another part of the body. Skin advancement flaps are usually recommended because when they are successful, they can speed the healing process and improve appearance. Complications from skin advancement flap or graft operations are unlikely, but sometimes they do occur. It is possible that this operation will not help you. It is even possible that you will be worse after the operation than you are now. Because of these facts Dr. Roland can make no guarantee as to the result that might be obtained from this operation.

Bleeding and infection can cause the skin flaps or grafts to die or “not take”. Sometimes the flaps or grafts do not “take” even when there is no bleeding and infection. Even if the flap “takes”, the result may still be complicated by scarring. Furthermore, the skin flap or graft may not have normal sensation or color and may not last permanently in its new location. Rarely, a patient will have an allergic or other unwanted reaction to one or more of the substances used in this operation. Very, rarely, allergic reactions have caused death.

There may be alternatives to this skin flap or skin graft operation available to you, such as the use of medication or alternative types of surgery. However, these alternatives carry their own risk of complications and have a varying degree of success. Therefore, patients in whom skin flap or skin graft operations are indicated, the surgery provides the patient with the best chance of an adequate result and the lowest risk of complications.

I certify that I have read or had read to me the contents of this form; I understand the risk and alternatives involved in this procedure. I have read the patient information forms #95, “Wound Care” and #96, “Surgery Done In The Office”.

Patient

Date

Witness