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## **LATISSE® INFORMED CONSENT**

### **Background**

Latisse® (bimatoprost ophthalmic solution 0.3%) is indicated for the correction of hypotrichosis (inadequate hair amount) of the upper eyelashes by increasing their growth including length, thickness, and darkness. The product is applied to the eyelashes daily. The onset is gradual and most patients see improvement by two months. Full benefits occur after four months of continuous treatment.

### **Risks and Complications**

This list is not meant to be inclusive of all possible risks and complications associated with Latisse® as there are both known and unknown side effects associated with any medication or procedure. The possible side effects of Latisse® include but are not limited to:

1. Increased iris pigmentation has occurred. You should be advised that the potential for increased brown iris pigmentation is likely to be permanent should this side effect occur. Iris color changes may not be noticeable for several months to years.
2. There is a risk of itching, increased blood in the eye, hyperpigmentation of the skin, irritation, dry eyes, redness, allergic reaction.
3. Infections can occur which in most cases are easily treatable but in rare cases a permanent scarring in the area can occur.
4. Latisse® has been reported to cause pigment darkening of the eyelid. This side effect has been reported to be reversible upon the discontinuation of treatment.
5. Latisse® solution should be used with caution in individuals with active intraocular inflammation (uveitis) because the inflammation may increase.
6. Swelling of the small area of the retina responsible for central vision. The edema is caused by fluid leaking from the retinal blood vessels.
7. There is a potential for hair growth in areas where Latisse® comes into contact with skin surfaces.
8. There are reports of bacterial keratitis associated with use of multiple-dose containers of ophthalmic products.

### **Use**

Latisse® must be used exactly as directed to reduce the risk of complications and side effects. The Latisse® bottle must be kept intact during use. The bottle tip should never be allowed to contact any other surface to avoid contamination. Place one drop on the single use per eye applicator. Sterile applicators may only be used on one eye and then discarded. Reuse of applicators increases the potential for contamination and infections. Do not apply Latisse® to bottom lashes. Do not use Latisse® on any other areas of the body. Studies have not been performed as to the safety and effectiveness in any area other than the eyelashes. Do not use Latisse® more than once per day. Additional application will not increase results but will increase the risk of possible complication and side effects. Latisse® solution contains benzalkonium chloride, which may be absorbed by soft contact lenses. Contact lenses should be removed prior to application of solution and may be reinserted 20 – 30 minutes following its use. Upon discontinuation of Latisse® eyelash growth is expected to return to its pre-use level.

### **Photographs**

Clinical photographs and their use for shall be used for the patient's medical record and for scientific purposes both in publications and in presentations. The patient's identity will always be protected.

### **Contraindications**

Latisse® is contraindicated in patients with an allergy or hypersensitivity to bimatoprost or any other ingredient in the product.

