

## GONIOTOMY SURGERY - INFORMED CONSENT

There are several ways to treat glaucoma and elevated eye pressure. Medications or surgery are the most common techniques. Both medications and surgery are designed to:

- 1) Decrease the amount of fluid production in the eye from the cells that make the fluid, or
- 2) Help fluid flow out of the eye.

### WHAT IS GONIOTOMY?

Goniotomy surgery helps to open the natural fluid drainage channel, with the hope of lowering the eye pressure. A lower eye pressure could prevent further optic nerve damage and visual loss from elevated intraocular pressure or glaucoma.

Every surgery has risk, including goniotomy. These risks include possible infection, pain, bleeding in and around the eye, elevated eye pressure, low eye pressure, need for further glaucoma eye drops, laser or surgery, injury to other intraocular structures (e.g. change in pupil shape), loss of vision, loss of eye. Another risk is that the procedure does not lower the eye pressure enough. This procedure will not reverse any damage that may have already occurred from elevated eye pressure or glaucoma.

### ALTERNATIVES TO SURGERY

Alternatives to the surgery include medical therapy or other surgical procedures for lowering eye pressure.

### POST-OPERATIVE CARE

After surgery, the eye pressure will be carefully monitored and your eye drop regimen is often changed based on the post-operative healing process.

### CONSENT

By signing below, you agree that:

- You read this informed consent, or someone read it to you.
- You understand the information, including the risks, benefits and alternatives to surgery.
- Dr. Harvey and/or his staff offered you a copy of this informed consent form.
- Dr. Harvey and/or his staff answered your questions about Goniotomy surgery.

I consent to have Goniotomy surgery in my

RIGHT eye

LEFT eye

BOTH eyes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_