

## INFORMED CONSENT FOR XEN

## **Indications, Benefits, and Alternatives**

Without treatment, glaucoma can cause progressive vision loss and blindness. However, glaucoma can sometimes be treated successfully with medications to lower the pressure in the eye. If medications are not effective, laser and other surgical procedures may be of value in controlling the pressure and preventing further vision loss. My doctor has informed me that an operation is necessary to help control the pressure in my eye. If the pressure remains too high it may result in blindness in my eye. The purpose of the operation is to preserve my vision; any vision lost to glaucoma cannot be restored. There is no assurance that the operation will control the pressure and other procedures including more operations, may be essential.

## Possible Risks and Discomforts of the Xen

- Dislocation or clogging
- Inflammation of the infection in other internal parts of your eye
- Eye pressure that is too low
- Impaired flow of fluid inside your eye
- Increased eye pressure
- Damage to other parts of your eye or where the device is placed
- Additional surgery to repair the damage to your eye
- Bleeding in front or back of the eye
- Loss of fluid in the back of the eye requiring additional surgery
- Significant damage to the iris (the colored part of the eye)
- infection
- Vision could be made worse or, in rare cases, totally lost

Even with proper placement and functioning of the Xen, your glaucoma may not get better or may become worse.

## **Patient Consent**

In spite of the risks noted above, I understand that there is more risk to my vision if I do not have the operation than if I do. I have read and understand the consent form, I have had my questions answered, and I authorize my surgeon to proceed with the operation on my right, left or both eyes.

Patient name (printed)	Patient Signature	Date	
Ophthalmologist name (printed)	 Ophthalmologist Signature		