

TUCSON EYE CARE, PC

**INFORMED CONSENT FOR OFF-LABEL USE OF
MEDICATIONS**

When the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves a drug for medical use and the manufacturer produces a “label” to explain its use. Once the FDA approves a device/medication, physicians may use it “off-label” for other purposes if they are well-informed about the product, base its use on firm scientific method and sound medical advice, and maintain records of its use and effects.

The medications prescribed for you to use postoperatively are considered to be “off-label” in their use. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your medications, please discuss them with your doctor.

- ❑ I understand that Acular/Nevanac was approved by the FDA for “the temporary relief of ocular itching due to seasonal conjunctivitis...(and) for the treatment of postoperative inflammation in patients who have undergone cataract extraction.”
- ❑ I understand that Besivance/Zymar/Vigamox was approved by the FDA for “the treatment of bacterial conjunctivitis” caused by susceptible strains of (specific) organisms.

Nevertheless, I wish to have surgery performed on my eye(s), to use the above noted medications, and am willing to accept the potential risks that my physician has discussed with me. I acknowledge that there may be other, unknown risks, and that the long-term effects and risks of the above noted medications are not known.

Patient Signature

Date

