

Mohs Surgery

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, Mohs micrographic surgery has the highest cure rate for basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas. The nature of the procedure allows us to remove the minimum amount of healthy tissue while completely removing the cancer. Another advantage to this type of surgery is that the entire procedure is done under local anesthesia (you won't have to be put to sleep). The surgery will involve systematically removing thin layers of tissue and examining the tissue under a microscope for malignant (cancer) cells; and for this reason it is time consuming so please plan to spend most of your day with us. When all areas of the tissue are cancer-free, the defect left will be reconstructed to give you the most natural/cosmetically appealing scar.

Here are a few reminders:

1. Please continue all your medications and take them as you normally do on the day of the surgery. Do not stop or skip any doses of any medications without consulting the prescribing doctor in advance.
2. If you take antibiotics before dental procedures, please contact our office with your pharmacy's phone number so we can prescribe them for you prior to the surgery.
3. It is ok to eat the morning of the surgery.
4. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment to allow adequate time to check-in and fill out paperwork.
5. We recommend that you dress comfortably and bring something to read, as you will probably spend most of your day with us. Plan to be at our office until 2:00 PM.
6. We recommend that you do not drive after the procedure so have someone drive you or come with only one person due to space limitations in our office.
7. Parking is available in the structure adjacent to the building but is not validated.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us anytime.