



EXCISION WITH FROZEN SECTION

Frozen Section surgery is a specialized in-office procedure used to treat certain types of skin cancer. Your dermatologist removes the visible cancer along with a small amount of surrounding tissue, which is then quickly frozen, sliced into thin layers, and examined under a microscope during your visit. This allows the physician to check the edges of the tissue to ensure all cancer cells have been removed before repairing the area. Frozen Section surgery is effective, efficient, and helps preserve as much healthy skin as possible.

How do I prepare for Frozen Section surgery?

- Plan ahead for a longer visit - Each tissue sample must be processed and examined by our on-site lab team. While many cases take only one to two layers, the number of layers can't be predicted ahead of time. It's best to be prepared to stay for several hours if needed.
- Eat and drink normally - There are no food or drink restrictions unless your provider tells you otherwise. Having a good breakfast is encouraged.
- Take your medications as usual - Do not stop prescription blood thinners unless specifically instructed by your cardiologist.
- Shower and shampoo your hair before the appointment. Your initial dressing may need to stay dry for 24–48 hours afterward.
- You may also find it helpful to bring a jacket, comfortable clothing, book, tablet, computer, or anything else you find helps you to pass the time in between layers.

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Will I be awake during the procedure?

Yes. We use a local anesthetic to fully numb the area so the removal process is as pain-free as possible without the risks or side effects of full sedation.

What happens after all cancer is removed?

Once the margins are clear, your dermatologist will discuss the best repair option. This may include stitches, a skin flap, a skin graft, or letting the wound heal naturally, depending on the size and location.

Ask about our in-office Wound Care Kits!

We offer convenient wound care kits that include all the materials needed to care for your surgical site at home. These kits help ensure you have everything necessary for proper healing.

Can I drive myself home?

Yes—unless the surgery site affects your ability to see or safely operate a vehicle. Your surgeon will let you know if this applies to you.

Where can I see before-and-after photos?

Visit our website SuncoastSkin.com and look under Services → Surgical Dermatology → Repair Photos.

Still have questions?

Call us at **844-786-3376** and we will gladly answer any questions you may have!

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