



MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY

Mohs surgery is a highly specialized skin cancer treatment in which our board-certified dermatologists carefully remove thin layers of affected skin. Each layer is examined under a microscope on-site to ensure that all cancerous cells are removed during your visit. Our Mohs surgeons have completed extensive, additional training that allows them to precisely remove skin cancer with up to a 99% cure rate, while preserving as much normal, healthy skin as possible. This tissue-sparing technique results in a smaller surgical wound.

How do I prepare for Mohs Surgery?

- Plan to be here all day – each layer of tissue takes 1-2 hours to process and examine. While the average Mohs surgery is 3-4 layers, there is no way to accurately predict how many layers will be necessary so it's important to be prepared to stay for the duration of the day.
- Eat and drink as normal – some providers will ask you to avoid alcoholic beverages 48 hours prior to your surgery, but there are no other restrictions for eating or drinking. We encourage you to have a nice breakfast before you arrive so that you are prepared for the duration of the day. Feel free to bring snacks with you too!
- Take your medications as usual – do not stop prescription blood thinners without cardiologist approval.
- Shower and shampoo your hair before surgery, as your wound and initial dressing may have to remain dry for 24-48 hours thereafter.
- 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, as long as the surgery is not in an area where bandaging may obstruct your vision or physically restrict your ability to operate your vehicle.

Where can I see example photos from other Mohs surgeries?

On our website SuncoastSkin.com! Under Services and Surgical Dermatology select Mohs Surgery Repair Photos.

Still have questions?

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

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