



MOHS SURGERY: WHAT TO EXPECT

Time Commitment:

Mohs surgery is a unique procedure that involves removing skin cancer layer by layer until all cancerous tissue is gone, with a 97% - 99% cure rate. This means you need to prepare to be at our office for ***several hours or most of the day***, as we examine each layer.

Medications:

We generally recommend you continue taking all your regular medications as prescribed, especially blood pressure and heart medications. If you are taking blood thinners, you do not need to stop taking these.

What to Wear:

Please wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that you can easily relax in. If the surgery is on your head or neck, a button-down shirt is often helpful. Avoid wearing excessive jewelry.

Makeup/Lotions/Perfumes:

Please do not wear any makeup, lotion, or perfume in the area where you are having surgery. It's best to avoid them entirely on the day of surgery.

Transportation:

While most patients can drive themselves home, if your surgery is on your face or near your eye, or if you anticipate nervousness or discomfort, it might be advisable to arrange for someone to drive you home.

Eating and Drinking:

You may eat and drink normally before your surgery. There are no dietary restrictions unless specifically advised otherwise.

What to Bring:

You might want to bring a book, magazine, or other quiet activity to help pass the time during the waiting periods between stages. The office does have bite size snacks (nuts & granola bars) and drinks but you may bring food and beverages from home if you wish.

Other Questions & Concerns: Please contact the office at (513) 984-4800.

