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**MOHS' MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY**

Mohs' Micrographic Surgery (microscopically controlled skin cancer surgery) is a surgical procedure done in the office to treat various types of skin cancer. Mohs' is especially designed to treat large, complicated, recurrent (previously treated unsuccessfully) cancers and those located on critical areas of the face, such as the nose, ears, lips, or eyelids.

It is a procedure designed to remove the tumor as completely as possible, while at the same time preserving (as much as possible) the skin that is not affected. This is done by removing a small layer of skin from the margins and the undersurface of the tumor and examining it under the microscope. This procedure will be repeated until the examination of the section of skin removed shows that there are no more cancer cells present.

**Please be prepared for the following on the day of your surgery:**

1. As this is a procedure that occurs in stages, we cannot predict how long it will take. Plan on being here from 7:45 am until the noon hour. Please do not plan any other activity on the day of your Mohs' Surgery.
2. A separate waiting room will be provided for your use during the waiting period between each stage of the procedure.
3. You may want to bring snacks or any medications you may need for the day.
4. Repair: We **may** close your surgery wound the same day as your Mohs' procedure. However, sometimes we may set up another time for the repair on a separate day, especially if it will be a more involved procedure (skin graft, etc.) We will discuss repair options with you once the cancer has been completely removed.
5. Please review the attached pre-operative instructions and do not hesitate to ask questions.