



What to Expect When Having Mohs Micrographic Surgery

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Mohs micrographic surgery is a highly specialized technique for skin cancer removal on areas of the body where we need to preserve as much normal tissue as possible. Mohs surgery allows for the immediate and complete microscopic examination of the removed cancerous tissue so that all of the roots and extensions of the cancer can be completely eliminated. Due to the methodical manner in which the tissue is prepared and examined it is recognized as the skin cancer treatment with the highest cure rate; with that in mind, it is a very timely procedure so please clear your schedule the day of your appointment. Please come prepared to be here for the entire day, we recommend bringing a book to read, something to work on, or anything to help you pass the time. Please make sure come to your appointment with a packed lunch.

Preparing For Your Procedure

Please review our list of blood thinning medications to avoid prior to the Mohs procedure. If you are taking any of the medications on this list please contact our office AND your prescribing doctor for further instruction; additionally, if any of your medications are on this list please **DO NOT** discontinue your medication until getting authorization to do so from your prescribing doctor. If any of the vitamins or herbal supplements listed are pertinent to you please stop taking them 2 weeks prior to your surgery.

Starting 3 days before your procedure we ask that you cleanse your entire body, including your surgical site, with hibicleans or phisoderm DO NOT get hibicleans in your eyes or ear canal, so please cleanse your surgical site with caution. The morning of your appointment please follow your normal morning routine, please take your medications as prescribed and make sure to eat breakfast. Mohs micrographic surgery is performed using a local anesthetic, we will not be giving you any form of sedation so you will be able to drive yourself to and from your appointment.

After Your Procedure:

You will probably be leaving your appointment with sutures, suture removal on the face and ears is usually 7 days. You will need to preform wound care twice a day until your sutures have been removed, once your surgery is complete your nurse will provide you with written and verbal instructions to care for your wound. Our office does not provide wound care supplies, so please plan on visiting a local drug store to purchase the supplies you will need to care for your wound. For all of our Mohs patients we offer a free service, it is a scar revision laser treatment to make the scar less noticeable. Dr. Eivins recommends two treatments, the first at the time of suture removal the second treatment 6 weeks later, both are free. The laser treatment is only preformed in our Steamboat office on Monday afternoon.

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Please Note:

We ask that you schedule your Mohs appointment during a time in which you will not be leaving for a vacation post operatively