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PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOH'S PROCEDURE

MOHS Micrographic Surgery is a procedure that is performed in stages that often requires the removal of multiple layers. Once the cancer is successfully removed, a final stage of closure is performed. This process can take 2-8 hours and we ask that you do not make plans for the rest of the day.

Between stages there is approximately a one hour wait time. Patients may return home (if you live close by), seek local eateries for breakfast/lunch, or run nearby errands. The front desk will be happy to provide a list of directions to local restaurants and shops.

When you leave between stages, please leave a phone number where you can be contacted to come back to the office for another stage of surgery or to schedule your reconstructive/closure appointment.

- It has been shown that washing the entire body from your neck down with Hibiclens (Chlorhexidine 4%) for two days before the surgery reduces post-operative infection. Even if the lesion is on your face or scalp, cleansing the body will reduce the chance of spreading bacteria please take care to avoid the eyes and ears when washing. It can cause permanent damage to the eyes and ears. This can be purchased at your local pharmacy and is located in the First Aid aisle.
- We recommend you wear comfortable clothing that does not pull over your head, e.g., a top that buttons.
- You may eat a normal meal before your appointment.
- You **MAY** continue your Coumadin, Plavix, or Aspirin if prescribed by your doctor.

Due to space restrictions, we ask that only one family member or support person comes with you to your appointment.

Appointments for Mohs Surgery are always in Suite 803.

If any questions, please contact us at 215-579-6155 x 43.