

DID YOU KNOW...



HIGHEST CURE RATE

Up to 98% cure rate or higher for skin cancer.



BEST OUTCOME

Leaves smallest defect and maximizes aesthetic results.



MOST PRECISE

Spares the greatest amount of healthy tissue.



PATIENT CENTERED

Minimally invasive
No hospitalization or general anesthetic.

DR. CARMEN CAMPANELLI, M.D.

Dr. Campanelli specializes in the treatment of skin cancer, Mohs Micrographic surgery, and reconstruction.

Dr. Campanelli received his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware and earned his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College. He completed his residency in Dermatology at Thomas Jefferson University and completed a fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery, cutaneous oncology, and dermatological surgery with Dr. Eliezri through appointment at Columbia University in New York.

Dr. Campanelli is an associated Professor with the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Campanelli is a fellow of the American Society of Dermatological Surgery, and the American College of Mohs surgery. He is an associate clinical professor for the Department of Dermatology at University Of Pennsylvania. He was awarded Teacher of the Year by Jefferson (2010) and by University of Pennsylvania (2014). Dr. Campanelli continues to teach surgical residents at both medical colleges.

Dr. Campanelli also has volunteered his surgical skills to the Philadelphia and Wilmington VA Hospitals since 2005.

DR. PRIYA DHANARAJ, M.D.

Dr. Dhanaraj received her medical degree at Duke University and completed her residency in dermatology at New York University, where she served as Chief Resident. Following residency, Dr. Dhanaraj completed a Mohs and laser surgery fellowship at the renowned SkinCare Physicians in the Greater Boston area.

Dr. Dhanaraj is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology, and a Fellow of both the American Academy of Dermatology and the American College of Mohs Surgery. She is also a member of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery. She has particular interest and expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer and cosmetic dermatology.

MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY



ABOUT MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY

First, you should know that not all skin cancer is visible. Cancer cells form roots below the surface of the skin and if these roots are not removed, cancer will recur. It is common for skin cancers to appear completely removed after the initial biopsy.

Pioneered by Dr. Frederick Mohs, Mohs Micrographic surgery has been embraced by an increasing number of surgeons for an ever widening variety of skin cancers. The Mohs procedure spares the greatest amount of healthy tissue while expunging cancer cells.

The success of this technique is rooted in its elegance. Skin tissue is removed and examined one layer at a time. The tissue is studied under a microscope for presence of cancer cells. If the area edges, or margins, of the tissue are cancer-free, the surgery is ended. If not, the process is repeated until the skin is clear of cancer. In this way, microscopic examination occurs during, rather than after, the procedure.

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WHAT TO EXPECT...



BEFORE SURGERY

- You may eat a normal breakfast.
- Continue taking your medications (including Coumadin, Plavix, Aspirin, and other blood thinners) as prescribed.
- Please dress in comfortable clothing that you do not have to pull over your head (e.g. shirt with buttons) because clothing could interfere with post-operative bandaging.
- Please do not wear make-up.
- We ask that you do not make any other plans the day of your procedure, because surgery can take several hours.
- If you have a cold, flu, or temperature greater than 100.4 F, please notify our medical staff. It may be necessary to reschedule.
- Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions or concerns regarding your procedure. We are happy to address and concerns or questions.



DURING SURGERY

We strive to make your surgical experience as comfortable as possible. Before the procedure, you will have the opportunity to ask the doctor any questions you have.

The surgical process begins with removal of the visible tissue and the first layer of skin. A bandage is then applied to the wound. This initial stage usually lasts less than 15 minutes.

After removal, the sample tissue is processed and then studied under a microscope. The skin cells are color-coded and charted on a map that corresponds with the cancer site. Tissue examination generally takes about 45 minutes to an hour.

If cancer cells remain, the procedure of cancer cell removal and microscopic examination is repeated until the margins of the tissue are clear of cancer cells.

Once the margins of skin are cancer-free, the wound is normally closed with sutures. This is required for optimal cosmetic results. The sutures may require removal at a follow-up appointment 1-2 weeks after your procedure.

We recommend that you schedule your follow-up appointment for suture removal before you leave the office on the day of your procedure.

Please understand that our day is unpredictable. You will experience waiting sometimes before and/or between stages of your procedure, so we ask that you provide some form of entertainment (i.e. books, laptop with headphones). We do provide Wi-Fi internet access. We appreciate your patience. Our goal is to have the entirety of your procedure completed as quickly as possible.



AFTER SURGERY

- A pressure bandage is applied to the wound site that must be kept in place for 24 hours.
- Additional wound care instructions will be given to you before you leave the office.
- Suture removal and follow-up appointments are generally required to as a means of providing optimal results and to monitor the healing process.
- Extra-Strength Tylenol is recommended for any pain that presents itself after surgery. Bruising, swelling, aching, and soreness are typical symptoms that occur after surgery. You may also experience loss of sensation surrounding the wound.
- A small amount of blood on the bandages during changing may occur.



PLEASE CALL IF...

We strongly urge you to contact our office and speak with the Mohs medical staff in the event that you experience symptoms, including, but not limited to:

- *Fever*
- *Uncontrollable bleeding*
- *Pain not relieved by extra-strength Tylenol*



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