

### **Patient Instructions Before Mohs Surgery**

**Please read these instructions carefully and contact us prior to your surgery if you have any questions.**

1. Cancel other commitments for the day of surgery. You will want to take it easy the remainder of the day.
2. Take all of your medications normally, including blood thinners.
3. Eat a normal breakfast prior to a morning surgery; eat a normal lunch prior to an afternoon surgery.
4. Shower or bathe the morning of your procedure. You will need to keep your bandage dry for 48 hours.
5. If you are diabetic or have issues with hypoglycemia, please come prepared with a snack.
6. Have a driver available. Everyone reacts to surgery differently and you may not feel up to driving when the procedure is complete. Also, depending on the location of your surgery, your bandage may block your vision making driving unsafe.
7. Mohs surgery requires examination of tissue in our lab, so you will need to wait for processing and results. Additionally, sometimes the surgery can be more extensive than expected. While the procedure often does not take this long, please plan on being at our office for 4-6 hours. Bring a book or something to pass the time. Wi-Fi will also be available.
8. Dress comfortably. Please wear a two-piece outfit as it may be necessary for you to remove your shirt/blouse to put on a gown.
9. Please only bring 1-2 guests with you to the procedure. This will help keep our waiting room from becoming overcrowded which will ensure your comfort as well as that of other patients having surgery.
10. If you have a pacemaker or defibrillator, please notify the nurse and physician the day of your surgery.
11. If you know you need a pre-operative antibiotic (due to recent joint replacements, artificial heart valves, etc.) please make sure that we have prescribed it for your leading up to your surgery.
12. If you are unable to keep your surgery appointment, please contact us as soon as possible and specify that your surgery needs rescheduled.