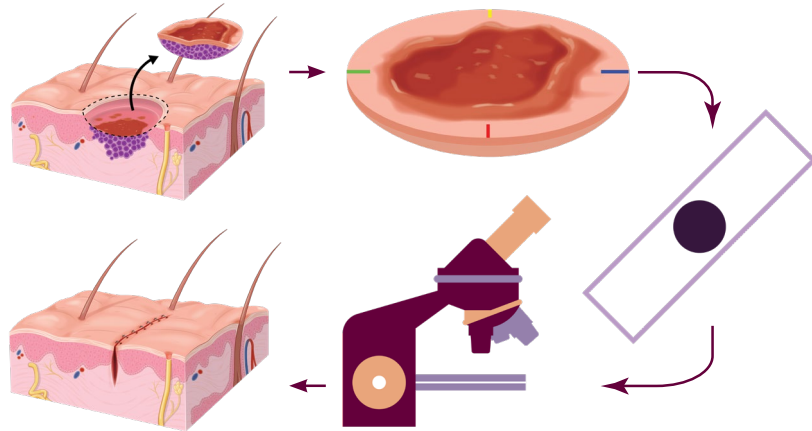


Why Mohs Surgery?

Skintel Precision Skin Cancer Care

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The Gold-Standard treatment for skin cancer on the face

Mohs surgery is the gold standard treatment for most skin cancers of the head and neck. It gives you the best chance of treating your skin cancer correctly the first time.

The Most Precise

The key advantage of Mohs surgery is the microscopic analysis of the cancer at the time of surgery. This results in a high degree of precision.

Key Benefits

Convenience

The skin cancer is analysed microscopically at the time of surgery.

After surgery, you can be assured the skin cancer has been removed, so you avoid returning for further surgery.

Better Cosmetic Results

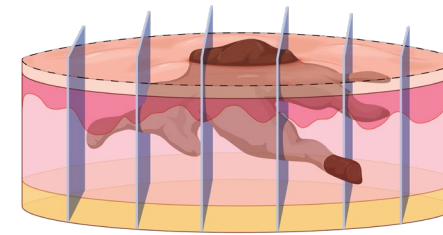
The highly precise nature of Mohs surgery means that less normal tissue needs to be removed - a smaller wound offers a better cosmetic result.

It also means surgery results in less trauma, reducing recovery time.

Higher Cure Rate

During Mohs surgery the **full surgical margin** is checked, reducing the risk of missed skin cancer.

This contrasts with traditional surgery, where less than 0.1% of the surgical margin is analysed.



Traditional analysis - missed cancer.

When Mohs surgery is Used

It is not practical to utilise Mohs surgery for all skin cancers due to the higher resource demands.

Mohs surgery is most commonly used for the removal of basal and squamous cell carcinomas (BCCs & SCCs). However, there are numerous other types of cancer that can be removed with this technique.

Mohs is also ideal for more difficult skin cancers or locations. Such as those that have reappeared after previous treatment or those that develop on digits.

Recurrent cancers are usually more difficult to treat as the cancer tends to be more aggressive and the normal tissues are distorted by scar tissue from previous treatment.

What Happens on the Day?

1. You arrive at the clinic about 8 am.
2. We check that you understand the procedure and help you to complete the consent form.
3. You are taken through to the procedure room.

4. The skin cancer(s) are identified and marked with a felt pen.
5. Local anaesthetic is administered to ensure your comfort.
6. The skin cancer specimen (stage) is removed and taken to the internal lab for processing.
7. Bleeding is controlled with heat sealing (diathermy) and a dressing is applied.
8. You are taken to the recovery lounge to relax. A range of food and beverages are provided.
9. Your specimen is analysed with the use of a microscope.
10. If there is still skin cancer remaining you will return to the procedure room (step 3).
11. Once the cancer has been completely removed you return to the procedure room for wound closure and dressings are applied.
12. You will be given wound care instructions and appointments to check the wound and remove stitches. Most commonly we like to see you on days 3 and 7 for these appointments.

Notes
