



MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY --- PREOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENTS

Please arrive at The Dermatology Group offices at 60 Pompton Avenue in Verona, New Jersey at:

DATE:

TIME:

The following information will help you prepare for your visit:

1. If you take aspirin, products containing aspirin, or other anticoagulants for a medical condition, please consult with your prescribing doctor. Inform your doctor that you are having Mohs micrographic surgery for skin cancer. If your doctor feels that your condition will allow you to stop taking the aspirin or other medication, please do so 10 days prior to your surgery. If there is any doubt, please continue taking your medication. **NEVER STOP MEDICATION WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM YOUR DOCTOR.**
2. Please inform the nurse if you have a pacemaker or defibrillator. Let her know with as much advance warning as possible by calling at our office.
3. If we don't already have your medical information, a nurse may call you prior to your procedure to get a brief medical history. If you will not be available at the phone numbers you originally gave when scheduling your appointment, please call and let us know how you can be reached.
4. Be prepared to list all of the prescription and over-the-counter medications you are currently taking.
5. Eat a good breakfast the morning of the appointment.
6. Wear comfortable clothing.
7. Your surgery visit may last ALL DAY. While we always try to completely remove each skin cancer and reconstruct each resulting defect in an expeditious way, the Mohs micrographic surgery procedure can last several hours. You are encouraged to bring something to occupy your time (reading, knitting etc.). You may bring a friend or family member if you wish; although due to limited waiting room space we ask that you limit this to only one person.
8. We suggest you arrange for a ride home as this may be a long day. Moreover, you may have dressings that interfere with your vision if your skin cancer is located on your face.
9. Plan for you lunch. You may pack a lunch and bring it with you or we will provide ordering information.
10. If for any reason you are unable to keep your appointment, please let our schedulers know as soon as possible.