

TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR SKIN

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Protect yourself from the sun! Use sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays and wear sun protective hats and clothing.

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Be aware of any new or existing lesions on your skin that appear to be growing or bleed intermittently.

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Visit a board-certified dermatologist regularly for skin cancer screenings.



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Mohs Surgery

with Dr. Brigitte Sallee

What Is Mohs?

Mohs micrographic surgery is an advanced treatment for skin cancer that offers the highest potential for recovery, even if the cancer has been previously treated. This state-of-the-art procedure involves your dermatologist acting as surgeon, pathologist, and reconstructive surgeon, using the precision of a microscope to trace and remove skin cancer effectively.

Dermatologists trained in Mohs surgery, like Dr. Brigitte Sallee, can see beyond the visible disease to precisely identify and remove the entire tumor, sparing healthy tissue. This method is most often used to treat two of the most common forms of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma.

Mohs micrographic surgery boasts the highest cure rate of all skin cancer treatments — up to 99 percent, even when other treatments have failed. Its precise approach minimizes the chances of regrowth and reduces the potential for scarring or disfigurement.

Meet Your Mohs Surgeon

Dr. Brigitte Sallee is a double board-certified dermatologist and Mohs micrographic surgeon based in Dallas, Texas, known for her advanced surgical expertise and patient-centered care.

Dr. Sallee earned her medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and continued her advanced medical training at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Johnson Dermatology, and Oxford University's Brasenose College. Her background as a surgeon with specialized expertise in reconstruction enhances her ability to deliver refined, natural aesthetic outcomes.

WHAT HAPPENS THE DAY OF THE SURGERY?

While Mohs surgery can vary based on the type, depth, and location of skin cancer, here's what you can expect during the procedure.



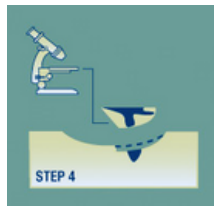
The roots of a skin cancer may extend beyond the visible portion of the tumor. If these roots are not removed, the cancer will recur.



A layer of skin is then removed and divided into sections. The Mohs surgeon then color codes each of these sections with dyes and makes reference marks on the skin to show the source of these sections. A map of the surgical site is then drawn.



The undersurface and edges of each section are then microscopically examined for evidence of remaining cancer.



If cancer cells are found under the microscope, the surgeon marks their location on the map and returns to the patient to remove another layer of skin — but only precisely where the cancer cells remain.



The removal process stops when there is no longer any evidence of cancer remaining in the surgical site. Because Mohs surgery removes only tissue containing cancer, it ensures that healthy tissue is kept intact.

AFTER SURGERY

After a Mohs surgical procedure, you may or may not undergo a repair process to mend the wound left by the surgery. A number of different reconstruction options exist, and instructions for aftercare are different depending on which approach the surgeon takes.

What Are the Advantages of Having Mohs Surgery?

During Mohs surgery, your surgeon uses tools like micro magnification and mapping techniques in order to remove areas with cancer that would otherwise go unnoticed by the naked eye. This helps preserve as much healthy skin as possible and leads to the lowest recurrence rates.

Will the Surgery Leave a Scar?

Usually, any form of surgery will leave a scar, but we work to reconstruct the area in such a way that the scar will be minimally noticeable once fully healed. Following removal of the skin cancer, we will work together with you to determine the best reconstructive plan based on individual goals, prioritizing cosmetic and functional outcomes.

Points to Remember

- Mohs surgery is a complex procedure and you could be in our office for several hours, or in some cases most of the day.
- Bring a sweater, a good book, and a tablet or laptop computer, as we offer Wi-Fi internet access.
- Magazines are available in our waiting room.
- Please bring a light lunch in case you stay with us. We do have cold storage available.
- Plan on 7 to 14 days of restricted physical activity. This usually means at least 1 to 2 weeks without exercise, sports (including golf), vacations or travel plans.