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## Your Appointment

Upon scheduling an appointment, you will be sent a packet with additional information regarding Mohs surgery, your type of cancer, day of surgery instructions, and directions to our center. The staff of the Seattle Skin Cancer Center will review the information with you and is always available to answer your questions.

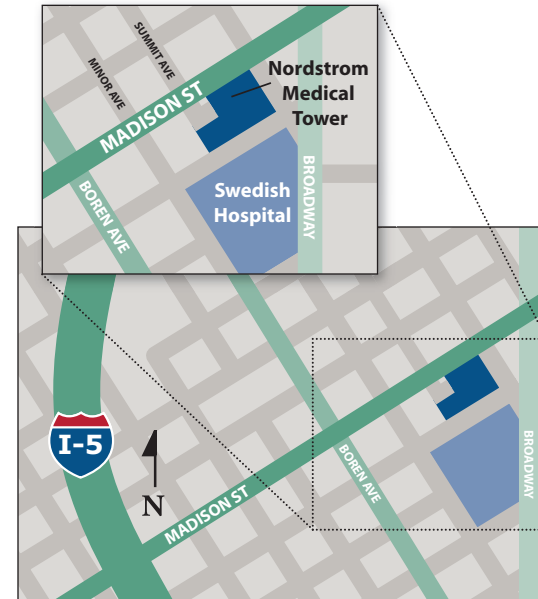
After completion of your surgery and healing, it will be important for you to see your referring healthcare provider for regular skin examinations.



# Mohs Micrographic Surgery

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- ◆ Fellow, American College of Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology
- ◆ Professor of Dermatology, University of Arizona
- ◆ Former Professor, Director of Dermatological Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology and Mohs Surgery Program, University of Iowa
- ◆ The Best Doctors in America as chosen by his peers
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- ◆ "Top Doc" Selection, Seattle Magazine
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- ◆ Medical Council, National Skin Cancer Foundation



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You have been referred to  
Seattle Skin Cancer Center —  
**we welcome the  
opportunity to  
care for you!**

The Seattle Skin Cancer Center specializes in the treatment of skin cancer, providing the highest quality of care with personalized service in our state-of-the-art center. We are proud to have earned the following recognitions:

- ◆ Medicare Approved Outpatient Surgery Center
- ◆ Outpatient Surgery Center Accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.



Procedures previously requiring hospitalization are now performed within the safety and comfort of our one-day outpatient surgery center. The role of our staff is to provide the most caring and professional setting possible and to give you the absolute best in care.

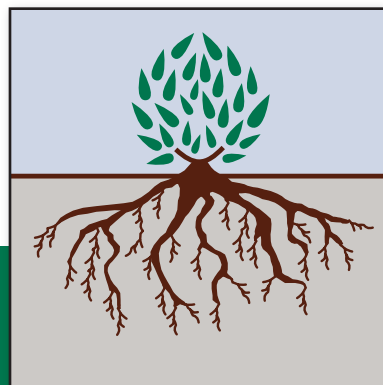


## Understanding Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is very common, with over 1.2 million new cases diagnosed every year.

The skin cancer that is visible to you and your physician may be the “tip of the iceberg.” Many cancer cells form roots that invade well beyond the boundaries of the visible cancer. If these roots are not completely removed, the cancer will continue to spread.

There are several treatment options available, including Mohs Micrographic Surgery, an advanced surgical technique.



*Like the roots of a tree, cancer “roots” can spread well beyond the cancer seen on the skin surface.*

# Mohs

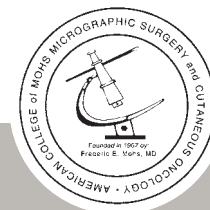
## Surgical Treatment

### The History of Mohs Surgery

Mohs Surgery is the most effective, precise and tissue-sparing technique for treating most types of skin cancers. It is named for Frederic Mohs, M.D., who pioneered this form of cancer treatment. With over 1,000 Mohs surgeries performed yearly, the Seattle Skin Cancer Center is a trusted leader in the successful treatment of skin cancer.

### The Advantages of Mohs Surgery

- ◆ Highest cure rate for non-melanoma skin cancer
- ◆ Greatest preservation of normal tissue, thereby minimizing scarring and preserving function
- ◆ Cost effective
- ◆ One-day outpatient surgery
- ◆ Immediate tissue processing and examination. No need to wait a week or more for pathology results



### The Mohs Procedure

Our surgeons remove the cancer layer by layer, examining each one microscopically until the margin around the cancer is free of cancer cells. This is a technically precise process in which the physician serves as both surgeon and pathologist.

The key steps in this procedure:

- 1 Surgical removal of the skin cancer is performed.
- 2 A map of the skin cancer is drawn.
- 3 The tissue is processed while the patient waits.
- 4 The entire undersurface and skin edges are evaluated microscopically by the physician.
- 5 If any skin cancer remains, more tissue is removed using the map as a guide.
- 6 Reconstruction is performed.

