



Mohs Surgery Preoperative Instructions

Your provider has referred you to Dr. Chapman for Mohs surgery to treat your skin cancer. She is a board certified dermatologist and a board certified Mohs surgeon. Please read this document in advance of your scheduled surgery.

To learn more about skin cancer, we recommend these websites:

American Academy of Dermatology

<https://www.aad.org/public/diseases/skin-cancer/types>

Skin Cancer Foundation

<https://www.skincancer.org/skin-cancer-information/>

To learn more about Mohs surgery, we recommend these websites:

American College of Mohs Surgery

<https://www.mohscollege.org/for-patients>

Skin Cancer Foundation

<https://www.skincancer.org/treatment-resources/mohs-surgery/>

Wound Care Supplies

At the completion of your surgery, you will receive instructions on how to care for your wound. We encourage you to purchase these supplies in advance of your surgery as you will begin taking care of your wound at home within 24-48 hours of surgery. Most can be found at a local pharmacy, but you can purchase online at a retailer of your choosing.

Vaseline

White vinegar

Cotton balls or gauze

Q tips

Band-aids (a variety pack of several sizes can be helpful)

OR

Non-adhesive pads and tape (either silk, or if you have sensitive skin, paper tape)

Acetaminophen (500mg tablets)

Ibuprofen (200mg tablets)

For the Day of Surgery

You may come by yourself to surgery and drive yourself home UNLESS we are treating an area on or near your eyelids.

In this case, you must have someone available to pick you up and drive you home.

Otherwise, you have the option of having one person accompany you to your appointment.

Please take all your medications as you would normally and eat breakfast.

DO NOT take any anxiety medication the day of surgery.

You must bring this to your appointment and take it AFTER signing consent

If you take a blood thinner, notify our office.

We will typically have you continue it. However, we may instruct you otherwise.

Also, if your prescribing physician asks you to hold the medication prior to surgery, please notify us.

Bring any medication you would normally take mid-day with you in case you are still in our office.

We suggest you bring the following:

Books/magazines/tablet

Headphones

Water bottle

Snacks

Blanket/Jacket

Please arrive on time.

You will be contacted prior to your surgery with an estimated cost. Please remember that you must pay in full the day of surgery.

Please contact us with questions or concerns. We look forward to providing you with excellent care!