

# WELCOME!

We are pleased that you have chosen Riverchase Dermatology for your surgical care. Our goal is to provide you with the quality care and expertise that you

We take great pride in our staff's training and professional ive take great prote in our starts training on o procession capabilities, Please feel free to ask any question you may have regarding your medical care, fees, insurance or other office policies. We are concerned about you and welcome any suggestions that will improve the care

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Excisional surgery, radiation therapy, scrape and ourn, I topical medicines are used in treating skin cancers. Mohs 'gery offers the highest cure rate of any treatment option. Mohs surgery is performed in a pleasant outpatient clinic I you may return home that same day Unsertal former a surgery is performed in a piessant outpatient winter may return home that same day. Hospital facilities are

## WHAT HAPPENS THE DAY OF THE SURGERY?

The area around the skin cancer is

cancer and a thin layer of tissue.

numbed with a local anesthetic. The Mohs

surgeon then surgically removes the visible

This tissue is carefully mapped and coded by the surgeon and taken to our laboratory.

The technician will immediately process

have a temporary dressing placed over

the wound and you will be free to return

to the patient lounge. While the surgical procedure only takes 10 to 15 minutes, it

takes a minimum of one to two hours to

prepare and microscopically examine the

the tissue on to microscope slides. You will









Several surgical stages and microscopic examinations may be required and you will be asked to wait in the patient lounge between stages. Although there is no way to tell before surgery how many stages will be necessary, most cancers are removed in three stages or less.

The most difficult part of the procedure is waiting for the results of the surgery. Since we do not know how much time is necessary to remove the cancer and repair the wound, we ask that you plan to be in the office the entire day and that you make no other commitments.

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## WILL THE SURGERY LEAVE A SCAR?

Yes. Generally speaking, any form of surgery will leave a scar. Immediately after the cancer is removed, we may choose (1) to leave the wound to heal itself, ( 2 ) to repair the wound with stitches (3) to reconstruct the wound with a skin graft or flap. This decision is based on the safest method that will provide the best cosmetic result.

## WILL I HAVE PAIN AFTER SURGERY?

If you experience discomfort, Tylenol is typically recommended. If a prescription pain medication is necessary it can be written at the time of your surgery. If you find that you are having unexpected postsurgical pain at home, call the office and ask to speak to your provider, or your provider's medical assistant. If you need us after hours or on the weekend, please call the office and you will be transferred to our emergency answering service.

PREPARING FOR SURGERY ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS: You will be given activity restrictions A CHARTER CONTRACTOR OF A CHART O

arter surgery. The rength and type of restrictions you receive can involve multiple factors and restrictions can vary. For example, we Involve multiple factors and restrictions can vary. For example, we may advise you to avoid twisting, bending, stretching or any sudden advise you to avoid twisting. We may advise that you alwate may advise you to avoid twisting, bending, stretching or any succern movement or strenuous exercise. We may advise that you elevate novement or strenuous exercise. We may arvise that you etc your surgical site, sleep in an elevated position or keep your your surgicat site, sleep in an elevated position or keep your surgical site dry. Please plan your personal calendar accordingly.

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EATING AND DRINKING: Please have your regular breakfast EATING AND DRINKING: Please have your regular breakfast prior to your procedure. We also provide coffee and snacks in our office. We encourage our patients to arrive rested and nourished.



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