

Insurance Coverage for Mohs Surgery

Most insurance policies cover Mohs Micrographic Surgery, the reconstruction of the surgical area, and the surgical operating room fees. Please contact your insurance carrier directly for the most current payment information relative to this surgery. Our insurance billing department can also assist you with questions.

Scar Prevention and Wound Healing

As with all surgery, a mark or scar remains after healing. Mohs Micrographic Surgery leaves the most minimal scar because the least amount of normal tissue is removed. Even following extensive surgery, advanced wound closure techniques generally result in scars that are quite acceptable. Through the body's own healing properties natural remodeling and improvement often occurs over six to twelve months.

Wound healing and the final appearance depends significantly on your health and habits. People who smoke either currently or formerly heal slower and often have suboptimal results. Some people naturally heal with thickened or keloid scars. Your overall health status, age, and ability to care for the wound are important.

We offer scar prevention treatments to help minimize any scar and achieve optimal results. We can guide you with a wound healing program using the latest treatments in the immediate post operative period and for the early months after. Early laser treatments within days after stitch removal is well documented in scientific studies to reduce scarring and redness.

Should a noticeable scar occur, we have a variety of lasers to help as well as injections and surgical methods to treat elevated or indented scars. Here at the Mohs Micrographic Surgery of America we work with you for the most effective result.

Meet our Founder



Dr. Bernard Raskin is an expert in dermatology, cosmetic surgery, skin cancer, and Mohs micrographic surgery. His undergraduate degree is from UCLA in physics. He graduated from the prestigious University of California at Irvine Medical School, and completed an Internal Medicine Residency at the University of California at Irvine and Long Beach Veteran's Administration Hospital. He then entered the internationally recognized Dermatology program at UCLA.

Dr. Raskin is Board Certified in both Dermatology and Internal Medicine. He is on the Clinical Faculty in the Department of medicine, Division of Dermatology at UCLA with responsibilities including teaching dermatologic and cancer surgery, cosmetic surgery, and laser surgery to dermatologists in training. Dr. Raskin lectures in Dermatology to the Dermatology Residents at UCLA and USC. He has published scientific articles, and written textbook chapters on various cosmetic surgery topics. Dr. Raskin serves as a science advisor to private industry. Dr. Raskin's practice also involves medical-legal dermatology and workers compensation. Dr. Raskin is on the advisory committee in Cancer and Developmental Biology at California State University Northridge. He holds fellowships in the American Academy of Dermatology and American Society of Dermatologic Surgery. He is also a Fellow of the American Society of Laser Medicine and Surgery, American Society for Mohs Surgery, American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, American Society of Dermatology, and the L.A. County and California Medical Associations.

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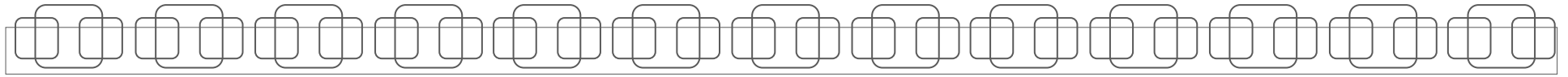


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About Us

The Mohs Micrographic Surgery Center of America is an educational organization founded by Board Certified Dermatologist Dr. Bernard I. Raskin to enhance community awareness of this procedure. Dr. Raskin has performed Mohs Micrographic Surgery for over 25 years and is considered an expert in dermatology and cosmetic surgery. After Mohs Micrographic Surgery has removed the cancer Dr. Raskin can then reconstruct the wound and follow up with laser procedures that reduce scarring.

Our center is conveniently located in the Santa Clarita Valley and is open six days a week. At our center we understand how stressful these issues can be. Our professional, highly trained staff is devoted to your comfort, care and your individual needs.

What is Mohs Micrographic Surgery?

Mohs Micrographic Surgery is a specialized, highly effective technique for skin cancer removal. The early form of this procedure was developed in the 1930's by Dr. Frederic Mohs, and refined in the 1970's into a sophisticated effective treatment.

Mohs surgery differs from other skin cancer treatments in that there is the immediate and complete microscopic examination of all removed cancerous tissue, so that every extension of the cancer can be eliminated. Other available surgical methods only examine a fraction of the removed tissue, which may result in a lower cure rate.

Due to the methodical manner in which tissue is removed and comprehensively examined, Mohs surgery is recognized as the skin cancer treatment with the highest reported cure rate.

Cancer, Cure Rate and Scar

Mohs surgery is the most highly effective treatment for various types of skin cancer, with a cure rate of up to 99% for certain lesions. Due to the fact that the Mohs procedure is micrographically controlled, it provides the most precise methods for removal of the cancerous tissue, while sparing the greatest amount of healthy tissue. For this reason, Mohs surgery may result in a significantly smaller surgical defect and less noticeable scarring, as compared to other methods of skin cancer treatment.

Almost 2 million Americans suffer from skin cancer each year. Fortunately, most are the minor type known as a Basal Cell Carcinoma which will not spread internally but can send roots deep below the skin. A somewhat more insidious cancer is the Squamous Cell Carcinoma which may occasionally spread to other area. The most serious cancer is Melanoma, which may be almost 100% curable, but deadly if not diagnosed early. Fortunately all these cancers begin at the skin's surface, so early diagnosis is possible. Our best advice: Let us examine any new or changing skin spot, especially if you are fair complected and have a history of sun exposure.

Basal cell carcinoma



Squamous cell carcinoma



Indications that Mohs Micrographic Surgery is Right

Mohs surgery is indicated for cancers located on the head and neck in areas such as the nose, ears, eyelids, lips and hairline. It is also utilized on the hands, feet and genitals in which maximum preservation of healthy tissue is critical for cosmetic or functional purposes. Mohs Micrographic Surgery is appropriate for skin cancers that have recurred following previous treatment for cancers that are at high risk for recurrence. Mohs is frequently utilized to achieve the smallest defect on any area to minimize the potential scar. People often choose Mohs for the comfort of knowing their cancer has been cured.

Advantages of the Mohs Micrographic Procedure

Some skin cancers can be deceptively small, but far more extensive under the skin than they appear to be on the surface. These cancers may have extensions below the skin, or along blood vessels, nerves, or cartilage. Skin cancers that have recurred following previous treatment may send out extensions deep under the scar tissue at the site. Mohs Micrographic Surgery is specifically designed to remove these cancerous "roots". Prior to the actual Mohs surgery it is impossible to precisely predict how much skin will have to be removed. The final surgical defect could be only slightly larger than the initial skin cancer, but occasionally the removal of the deep extensions of a skin cancer results in a sizeable defect. Keep in mind, however, that while the maximum amount of normal tissue is spared, Mohs surgery removes only the cancerous area in a methodical multiple thin layer approach so excessive removal of healthy tissue is minimized.