

## Preparing for Mohs Surgery

1. Please call our office prior to your surgery appointment to notify us if:
  - You have a cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator.
  - You have the following conditions requiring pre-operative antibiotics: prosthetic joint placed within the past two years, an artificial heart valve, history of endocarditis, congenital heart conditions, cardiac transplantation with heart valve problems, central nervous system shunts.
2. If you are taking prescription medication, continue taking ALL of them prior to surgery unless otherwise directed by a physician.
3. Be prepared to provide a list of all your current prescribed and over-the-counter medications on the day of surgery.
4. Try to get a good night's rest. Have a light breakfast on the day of surgery and wear comfortable clothing.
5. Please shower and wash your hair prior to surgery, as you may have a bandage that will not allow you to do so in the 24-48 hours after your surgery. If your surgery is on the face, please do not wear make-up.
6. Your surgery visit may last HALF OR MOST OF THE DAY. Since much of this time is spent waiting for lab results, we encourage you to bring something to occupy your time (reading, work, knitting, etc.). You may bring a friend or family member if you wish. You may wish to bring a snack or pack a light lunch.
7. We do not require you to arrange for a ride home. However, it may be more comfortable to have someone else drive as this may be a long day. Moreover, you may have dressings that interfere with your vision if your skin cancer is located on your face.
8. If for any reason you are unable to keep your appointment, please let our schedulers know within 72 hours of your scheduled appointment. If you have any questions or concerns about your Mohs surgery, please contact our coordinator staff at (512) 328-3376, extension 3039. You may also email: [mohsteam@westlakedermatology.com](mailto:mohsteam@westlakedermatology.com)