



## Dr. Cary Dunn, MD-MOHS Pre-Operative Instructions

- Be prepared to spend the entire day at our office. We process your tissue in our office lab, which takes at least 1 hour. If the tissue shows cancer extending through the margin, a second portion of the tissue will be taken. This process continues until all of the cancer has been removed. Once the margins are clear of cancer, the doctor will repair the defect.
- We do NOT require you to discontinue your medications. If you take Coumadin, Plavix, aspirin or another prescription blood thinner, we recommend you stay on that medication unless otherwise suggested by the prescribing physician. **DO NOT STOP THESE MEDICATIONS ON YOUR OWN.**
- On the morning of surgery, wash well the area you are to have surgery with an antibacterial soap such as Dial. Eat a good breakfast and take all daily medications. Bring any medications that need to be taken throughout the day.
- If surgery involves your face, **DO NOT apply any cosmetics/makeup.**
- Due to the limited amount of space in our waiting area, please bring only **1** family member/driver. We appreciate your understanding of this request.
- If you notice a significant increase in the size of the cancer between the time we see you and the scheduled date for surgery, please call our office as we may need to re-evaluate you and possibly schedule surgery sooner.
- We are happy to provide beverages and snacks while you wait, but you may need to bring a lunch in case you stay through the afternoon. We recommend that you bring reading materials. To keep bacteria counts down the surgery area will be cool- a jacket or sweater is recommended.
- If you need to contact Dr. Dunn after hours: 251-631-3570 option 600

### Main Office Location

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