

## MOHS PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

**Bring a book. Dress warm. Take your antibiotics.**

1. Do not take aspirin; aspirin-containing products such as Bufferin, Anacin, and several cold remedies; non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents such as Advil, and any other blood thinner, two weeks prior to and one week after surgery, unless your prescribing doctor advises otherwise. They may cause excessive bleeding. You are allowed to take Tylenol, if necessary.
2. Do not drink alcohol or take alcohol-containing medications such as NyQuil two weeks prior to surgery.
3. Please stop smoking two weeks prior to surgery.
4. Minimize your intake of Vitamin E and stop taking herbal remedies two weeks prior to surgery.
5. Please list the medications you are currently taking: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you taking blood thinners? Examples: Coumadin, Lovenox, Plavix, Eliquis, Savaysa, Xarelto, Pradoxal.

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (ie. antibiotics including Penicillin, pain medication, anesthetics, topical creams, Latex, other):  
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6. If you have a condition which requires pre-operative antibiotics (ie. artificial heart valve, joint replacement), please notify the office so an antibiotic can be prescribed.
7. Cleanse the area with Hibiclens cleanser (available at Pharmacy) the night before and morning of the procedure. You will also use the Hibiclens to cleanse the area daily after the procedure.
8. Please complete the below health history:

Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Latex Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Wound Healing Problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid Disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Thickened Scars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Double Jointed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Liver Disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pigmentary Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle/Bone Disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Breathing Problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Murmur	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fainting/Dizziness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis/Jaundice
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacemaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Nervous Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV Disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Implantable Defibrillator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Heart Valve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic Fever
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Replacement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Glaucoma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes

Note: The Mohs process involves two steps. The first step entails removal of the skin cancer. The second step involves repair of the resultant skin defect. The removal typically takes between 2 and 4 hours to complete. The repair, which may take up to 1 hour, many times is performed the following day. Please schedule enough time off for this two step process.

Please sign and return form.

Patient signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_