



**Lowe Plastic Surgery (LPS)**  
**MOHS REFERRAL**

**General Information:**

1. “MOHS Surgery” is a technique utilized by specially trained Dermatologist to remove and evaluate certain types of skin cancers.
2. MOHS technique may be beneficial in a number of locations on the body. However, it is usually indicated for sensitive areas on the head and neck region.
3. There is not universal agreement on which patients MOHS should or should not be performed; and, therefore, it is usually based on the referring physician’s clinical judgment and experience.
4. Not all patients referred for MOHS will be candidates for the procedure and scheduling delays are not unusual due to the popularity of the procedure.
5. The MOHS doctor will meet with patients prior to scheduling the procedure.
6. MOHS doctors are capable of closing small skin defects after cancer removal.
7. Special request can be made in advance for a Board Certified Plastic Surgeon to close the open wound the following day.

**Technique:**

1. **MOHS technique involves a specially trained Dermatologist removing the skin cancer while patient is awake under local in their office.**
2. After the cancer is removed it is placed on a grid and evaluated under the microscope with frozen section to determine if the cancer has been fully removed
3. Multiple passes are performed as necessary until the cancer is gone and there is an adequate margin for cure.
4. Most Dermatologists then send the margins for “permanent” evaluation to ensure accuracy and a long term cure.
5. MOHS has a reported cure rate of 98% for most cancers and reportedly preserves as much critical tissue as possible while ensuring cure.
6. MOHS in some cases allows awake patients to see the size and position of the defect after skin cancer removal to better prepare and choose the reconstruction.

**Scheduling:**

1. On occasion, Dr. James Lowe will recommend a MOHS evaluation.
2. He will arrange MOHS when indicated at the patient’s request.
3. If you wish to be referred for MOHS make sure we forward your records prior to your scheduled visit.
4. Further detailed education should be provided by the MOHS physician at your consultation. If you or the MOHS physicians need further assistance do not hesitate to contact us at our office (405) 942-4300.
5. The MOHS physician we refer to is listed below. We can arrange for a referral to another physician at your request. We will be happy to assist you with scheduling your visit or you can call the number below at your convenience.
6. **MOHS CONTACT: Talk to your Physician for a local referral or request a referral to a MOHS specialist of your choice.**