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# 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.

5. Minimize your intake of Vitamin E and stop taking herbal remedies two weeks prior to surgery.

6. Please list the medications you are currently taking:_____

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Are you taking blood thinners? Examples: Coumadin, Lovenox, Plavix, Eliquis, Savaysa, Xarelto, Pradoxa.

Please list:_____

Please list any allergies (ie. antibiotics including Penicillin, pain medication, anesthetics, topical creams, Latex, other):

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7. 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.

8. Please complete the below health history:

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