

# What Happens During Mohs Surgery?



**ANESTHESIA**

Local anesthetic is injected to numb the area.



**EXCISION**

The area of the cancer is removed so that the entire undersurface and skin edges can be examined microscopically.



**SLIDE PREPARATION**

Tissue is dyed and a map is drawn. Tissue is processed onto microscopic slides.



**ANALYSIS**

The surgeon examines the slides under the microscope. If cancer cells are found, they are marked on the map to guide the surgeon in removing additional tissue.



**BORDERS: CLEAR**

Cancer is gone.



**BORDERS: CANCER**

More layers of tissue will be removed.



**CLOSURE**

Reconstruction options chosen based on size and depth of the wound.