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- **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: CANCER**: More layers of tissue will be removed.
- **BORDERS: CLEAR**: Cancer is gone. Reconstruction options chosen based on size and depth of the wound.
- **CLOSURE**: Reconstruction options chosen based on size and depth of the wound.