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## Arthur K. Balin, MD, PhD, FACP

### Dermatology, MOHS Surgery & Cosmetic Surgery

Dr. Arthur K. Balin is a board-certified dermatologist who specializes in the treatment of skin cancer utilizing the MOHS micrographic surgery techniques. Skin cancer is the growth of abnormal cells at an unpredictable and uncontrollable rate. There are three types of skin cancer affecting Americans yearly. Basal cell carcinoma affects approximately 1,000,000 persons yearly and usually will not spread to other parts of the body, yet may cause extensive skin tissue damage. Squamous cell carcinoma has been shown to spread and is responsible for 2,000 deaths annually, and affects approximately 400,000 people yearly. Malignant melanoma, the most serious of all skin cancers, may spread to other parts of the body through the blood stream and lymph drainage system producing a high incidence of mortality.

MOHS micrographic surgery is universally recognized as the most precise method of removing skin cancers, especially in the face and other cosmetically sensitive areas because it eliminates skin cancer cells, sparing normal tissue. If the tumor has not been previously removed the cure rate with MOHS surgery is higher than 99%. If the cancer has been removed by a different technique and it recurs, the cure rate with MOHS surgery is higher than 95%. The high cure rates are possible even when cancer is recurrent because microscopic tumor nests otherwise left undetected can be identified and removed with a high degree of accuracy.

Dr. Arthur K. Balin has his office located in Media's Chesley Office Campus at 110 Chesley Drive, phone (610) 565-3300, and he invites your inquiries about MOHS micrographic surgery, cosmetic surgery or an appointment for a thorough skin cancer screening. When it comes to skin cancer screening, early detection leads to cure.