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PROCEDURAL DERMATOLOGY AND COSMETIC SURGERY
MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY FOR SKIN CANCER

**PRE-SURGICAL
INFORMATION PACKET**

GENERAL: Patients scheduled for surgery should eat breakfast the morning of surgery. If you plan to stay at the office between surgical stages, ***please bring a lunch or snack.*** Refrigeration will be provided.

Prior to procedure you will need to wash your entire body with **Technicare Surgical Scrub**. It can be purchased in the office.

Depending on the location of the operative site, your ability to drive may be hindered. **Please make transportation arrangements for the day of your surgery, if necessary.**

Write down any last minute questions or personal or medical history notes and bring these notes with you. Wear clothing that does not have to be pulled over your head. Also, it is necessary that you bring with you a list of your current medications and their dosage. Please be kind enough to contact us **immediately** if you should need to postpone your surgery so that we may have an opportunity to fill the vacancy in our surgery schedule.

Patient will have an EKG (electrocardiogram) the first time. They will need to lie flat on their back for about five minutes. Routine blood work will be obtained as well.

MOHS SURGERY PATIENTS: After the cancer is removed, you have the option of allowing the wound to heal by nature (which will take several weeks to months), or having the wound surgically repaired. The repair may be done by Dr. Balin or any other doctor you choose. Please inform Dr. Balin if you would prefer to allow the wound to heal by nature, or if you would prefer to have surgical repair performed by a doctor other than Dr. Balin.

BLOOD THINNERS:

If you have been prescribed aspirin or coumadin, you may continue to take them during the surgery. Notify the doctor. There is an increased risk of bleeding with the surgery but that risk is less dangerous than the risk of heart attack or stroke if you were to stop the blood thinners.

ABOUT ASPIRIN: IF YOU HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED TO TAKE ASPIRIN OR ARE TAKING ASPIRIN FOR THERAPEUTIC REASONS, DO NOT STOP TAKING YOUR ASPIRIN AND TELL DR. BALIN THAT YOU ARE STILL TAKING ASPIRIN.

For those people whose doctor has not prescribed aspirin, it is better not to take.

For the two-week period prior to the scheduled date of your surgery and for the two weeks after surgery, please do not take any aspirin or aspirin-containing products. Aspirin affects your blood's ability to clot and could increase your tendency to bleed at the time of surgery and during the post-operative period. Please check the labels of medications that you take (even those available without prescription) to see that you do not take aspirin.

A-A Compound	Atoka	Defencin	Histadyl w/ASP	Pyroxate
A.C.A	Acotol	Dewitt's Pills	Hypan I-PAC	Quiet World
Acetabar	Bayer Products	Dover's Powder	Isobar	Rhinate
Acetasem	BC Tablets	Dovosal	Isollyl	Riona
Advil	BiAct	Drinophen	Lanorinal	Rhinocaps
Alka Seltzer	Bitrin	Dristamead	Lodine	Robaxisal
Allopurinol	Buff-A	Dristan	Marval	Ru-Lor-N
Allygesic	Buffadyne	Duradyne	Measurin	Salatin
Alleve	Bufferine	Duragesic	Mepro	Saleto
Alprine	BUF	Dynosal	Meprogesic	Salphenine
Aluprin	Cafacetin	Easprin	Midol	Salslprin
Amsodyne	Cama Inlay	Ecotrin	Mobigesic	Sine-Off
Anacin	Carpon	Emagrin	Momentum	Sinex
Anexsia	Cheracol	Empirin	Norgesic	Soltice
Anodynos	Christodyne	EnTab-650	Opasal	Supac
Anti-Ten	Cadasa Tap	Equagesic	Os-Cal-Gesic	Synalgos
Apa-Deine	Coldate	Excedrin	Pabirin	Tabloid APC
APC	Colrex	Febrinette	PAC Comp.	Talwin Comp
Arthritis Form	Congesprin	Fendol	Pan-Pac	Ten-Shun
Arthritis Buf	Coricidin	Fiogesic	Pasibar	Triminicin
ASA Comp.	Covangesic	Fional	Percobarb	Trigesic
Asalco	CP2	Forbutol	Percodan	Ursinus
Ascriptin	Damson-P	4Way w/Codeine	Persistin	Vanguish
Asodeen	Davon w/ASA	Gelcoid	Phenergran	Vantrin
Aspadine	Darvon Comp	Gemisyn	Phenotron	Van-Trol-Nol
Aspergum	Dasicon Caps	Goody's Powder	Presalin	Vitamin E
Asphac-G	DecojenDecojen	Haysma	Propoxyphene	
Aspirin	Delache	Hepto	Protension	

The following drugs may also affect blood clotting:

<u>TRADE NAME</u>	<u>GENERIC NAME</u>
Persantine	Dipyridamole
Naflon	Fenoprofen
Motrin	Ibuprofen
Indocin	Indomethicin
Naprosyn	Naproxen
Furadantin, Macrochantin	Nitrofurantoin
Butazolidin	Phenylbutazone
Anturane	Sulfinpyrazone
Tolectin	Tolmetin
Isoptin, Calan	Verapamil
Zomax	Zomepirac

NOTE: Acetaminophen (Tylenol) with or without codeine can be taken for pain and does not affect blood clotting. Relafen can be taken for arthritis.