

Information For Dr. Momtazi's Skin Lesion/Cancer Patients

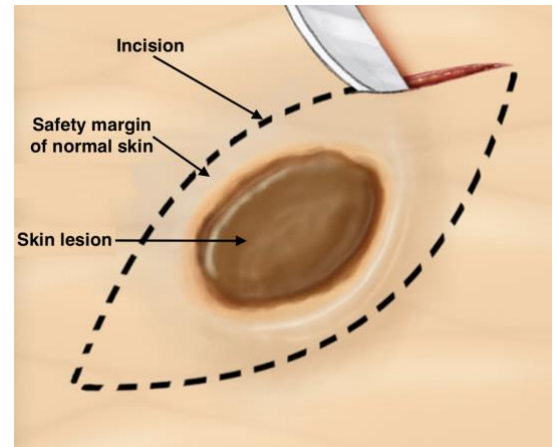
This page is designed to provide an overview of your skin cancer treatment.

Overview

- Skin cancer is an abnormal growth of cells in the skin
- Common types include basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) and melanoma
- Skin cancer excision is a treatment to remove these abnormal cells from your skin
- Most cases of these types of skin cancer can be cured if they are found and removed early
- If the skin cancer is not completely removed it can come back
- After your skin cancer is removed you will have a scar, which will fade with time

Skin Lesion/Cancer Excision

- You do not need to fast before your procedure
- During your procedure, Dr. Momtazi will use local anesthetic to numb the area around your skin cancer
- Dr. Momtazi will then remove the skin lesion with a safety margin of normal skin around it
- The safety margin of normal skin depends on the type of skin lesion or skin cancer
- Dr. Momtazi will confirm the safety margin of normal skin with you
- All of the skin that is removed is sent to a lab where it is looked at under a microscope by a specialist
- This is done to confirm the diagnosis and/or that all of the skin cancer has been removed
- These results take two weeks and you will be contacted once they are completed
- Dr. Momtazi will close the area using stitches and will confirm if and when your stitches need to be removed
- The procedure takes about 30-45 minutes and you will go home afterwards
- Dr. Momtazi will provide you with comprehensive postoperative instructions to take home with you
- These instructions are designed to help you care for your reconstruction and obtain the best possible results
- It is safe to drive yourself home after your procedure



Complications

- Common complications with this procedure include bleeding, infection and problems with wound healing

Questions and concerns

- If you have questions about your surgery, please call our office (780) 540-9250
- You can also reach us by email at Susan.Lamb@ahs.ca
- We are available Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Emergencies

- If you have a concern that you feel is an emergency, please report to your nearest emergency department



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