### Mayo Clinic Minute: Treating skin cancer with Mohs surgery

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the U.S., and with different forms and situations, there are also different treatments.

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Mayo Clinic | "Mohs surgery is a technique used to treat skin cancers, especially in areas of the skin that are considered high-risk or cosmetically sensitive." |
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| Areas like the face, scalp, ears, and neck.  
With Mohs surgery, physicians remove skin surrounding a tumor without removing large amounts of healthy tissue.  
Immediately after removal, lab technicians process the specimens and place them onto slides for the physician to evaluate under a microscope.  
"If we see any tumor going deeper or wider, we have the ability to go back and take more. And we do that until there's no cancer." | The procedure happens under local anesthesia and can take a few hours as more samples around the affected area may need to be collected and checked.  
"In this way we can spare as much as possible healthy skin, but we also guarantee the highest cure rate so there's less chance of that tumor ever coming back." |
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