

Mayo Clinic Minute: Treating skin cancer with Mohs surgery

	<p>Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the U.S., and with different forms and situations, there are also different treatments.</p>
<p>NAIARA BARBOSA, M.D. DERMATOLOGY Mayo Clinic</p>	<p>"Mohs surgery is a technique used to treat skin cancers, especially in areas of the skin that are considered high-risk or cosmetically sensitive."</p>
	<p>Areas like the face, scalp, ears, and neck.</p> <p>With Mohs surgery, physicians remove skin surrounding a tumor without removing large amounts of healthy tissue.</p> <p>Immediately after removal, lab technicians process the specimens and place them onto slides for the physician to evaluate under a microscope.</p>
	<p>"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."</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>"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."</p>
	<p>For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Alex Osiadacz.</p>