**Dr. Friedman and Dr. Perry**

**MOHS SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS**

**Surgery Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Surgery Time:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mohs surgery location: 111 Marble Mill Rd, Marietta, Second floor**

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your surgery time. If you are unable to make your appointment please contact the office at least 3 days prior or ASAP as our surgery times are extremely limited**.**

**Before surgery:**

* Do not schedule any other appointments or make other plans for the day of your surgery. Plan to be with us **ALL DAY**.
* Please let our office know if you require antibiotics before dental work or procedures.
* If you take Coumadin/Warfarin you will need to get your INR checked 2-3 days prior to your surgery date and report it to our office.
* Avoid alcohol 48 hours prior to surgery.
* **Do Not** stop any of your medications (including blood thinners) prior to surgery unless specifically instructed by a physician**.**

**Day of Surgery:**

* Eat a normal breakfast or lunch if you are scheduled in the afternoon.
* Take all of your medications as you normally would.
* Wear comfortable clothing. You may want to dress in layers as our surgical rooms are kept very cool.
* Bring plenty of snacks and drinks for the day. If you are scheduled in the morning, please bring your lunch. There are several nearby restaurants that deliver.
* Bring activities to keep you busy during the day as you will experience long periods of waiting (sometimes 2-3 hours).
* Bring a complete list of all your medications including vitamins and supplements.
* Pease do not take your fluid pills (Lasix, furosemide, ect.) that morning. You can resume after you arrive home from surgery.
* If we will be operating on your face, please do not wear any make up.

**After surgery:**

* You will be given a specific set of wound care instructions.
* You will be scheduled to return to our office usually 7-14 days after surgery for evaluation of your wound/sutures by one of our Surgical Physician Assistants or Medical Assistants. Please be aware this appointment is a post op/suture removal visit only. If you have other concerns, please schedule a separate appointment with your regular dermatologist.
* Plan on wearing a bandage for 7-21 days.
* Expect bruising and swelling around the surgical site. Some swelling may not be noticed for 2-3 days. You may ice the area as needed.
* Avoid strenuous physical activity until the sutures are removed or as determined by your physician.
* Complete healing of the scar may take 6-12 months and feel thick, swollen or lumpy during the first few months.

Please feel free to call us with any other questions or concerns at (770)422-1013.

We wish you a speedy recovery.