



## Mohs Reconstruction: What to Expect

### Following the Procedure

- You will have swelling and bruising for up to 2-3 weeks, occasionally longer
- Your swelling and bruising will be worse in the first 48-72 hours after your operation, and may move down your face
- Keep your surgical site elevated whenever possible
- Small amounts of blood oozing from your incision during the initial 48-72 hours after your reconstruction **is normal and expected**
- Your steri-strips may be blood stained in the first few days after surgery
- You can remove your steri-strips if they are peeling off or have partially fallen off, if given permission to do so from your surgeon
- You may apply a thin layer of Bacitracin or Neosporin to your incisions if your steri-strips are removed
- If you experience severe redness, warmth, pain or purulent (greenish or thick white) from your incisions, please call your surgeon
- Sutures are removed 5-8 days post-procedure

### When to Call Your Surgeon's Office

- If you have a fever greater than 101°F, chills, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, leg pain, increased incisional pain not relieved with pain medication
- If you notice signs of wound infection (redness/tenderness at or purulent discharge from your incision)
- If you have other concerns