

COMPREHENSIVENESS

At M. D. Anderson, we treat each patient as an individual, with respect and compassion. We view you as part of our team and our family.

We also value the critical role that patients play in their own success. Time is devoted to educating you on your skin cancer, your treatment options, prevention strategies, and future care. A wealth of patient learning materials is available to you at M. D. Anderson and the Mohs & Dermatology Unit.

While many skin cancers are effectively treated with Mohs surgery, others require a multi-disciplinary approach. Our doctors actively collaborate with other M. D. Anderson experts to achieve for you the best treatment possible. At M. D. Anderson, we are all working for you.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MOHS SURGERY AND SKIN CANCER IN GENERAL, PLEASE VISIT:

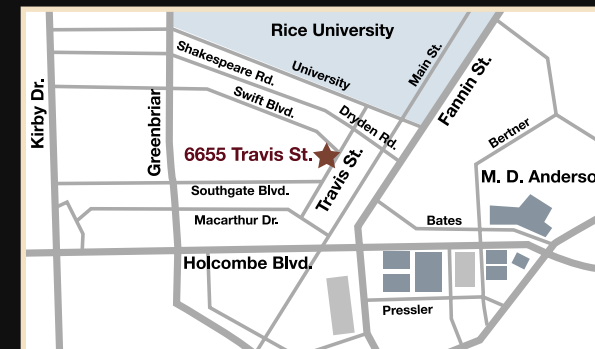
- Mohs & Dermatology Unit at M. D. Anderson and our Mohs faculty www.mdanderson.org/departments/dermsurgery
- Dermatology and other dermatologic procedures offered by our faculty <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/derm/surgderm.htm>
- Department of Dermatology at M. D. Anderson <http://www.mdanderson.org/departments/dermatology>

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COMPASSION, EXCELLENCE AND CARE

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. Although having skin cancer can be frightening, 95 percent of skin cancers are curable with local therapy. At The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, the Mohs & Dermasurgery Unit specializes in Mohs surgery and other effective therapies for your skin cancer.

At M. D. Anderson, you can be assured of excellence. Our highly trained physicians provide care with compassion. We strive to optimize your outcome, involvement and individuality, all with the quality that is M. D. Anderson.



CONFIDENCE BUILT ON EXPERIENCE

M. D. Anderson's Mohs surgeons are highly skilled physicians and leaders in their field. Their experience in cutaneous oncology (skin cancer management), cancer reconstruction, scar management and general dermatologic surgery (dermasurgery) serve to complete your care.

Our Mohs faculty offers expertise in skin cancers for immunosuppressed patients, the rejuvenation of sun-damaged skin, and non-surgical alternatives to skin cancer, such as laser treatment, topical therapy and immunotherapy.



MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY

Many treatments are available for skin cancers. Compared to other options, Mohs surgery consistently offers an exceptional cure rate for the most common (basal and squamous cell carcinoma), as well as more rare skin cancers.

The purpose of Mohs surgery is to completely remove all cancerous tissue while preserving as much healthy skin as possible. The cancer is removed one layer at a time, while examining each layer under the microscope. Both the depth and the borders of the tissue are evaluated thoroughly until all margins are clear of tumor.

The meticulous examination and control of removed tissue provides the following benefits:

- **Success** – An excellent cure rate (up to 99% for some skin cancers) for primary (never before treated) and recurrent (those that have returned or failed previous therapy) skin cancers.
- **Accuracy** – The special tissue processing, mapping and orientation of the Mohs surgery technique ensures that all cancer roots are identified and removed while preserving healthy tissue.



- **Preservation** – With the precision of Mohs surgery, your wound is the smallest possible – which often means the smallest scar possible.
- **Safety** – Mohs surgery is performed as an outpatient procedure under local anesthesia. This permits a faster patient recovery and a lower risk of complications, especially for older patients.
- **Integration** – The expertise of our Mohs surgeons allows you to complete your skin cancer treatment, pathology evaluation and wound reconstruction, often in the same visit. Mohs surgery may not be an option for some skin cancers. When needed, your care may be coordinated with other M. D. Anderson specialists to optimize your outcome.

