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Dear:

This letter is to confirm your appointment for **MOHS** surgery with **Dr. Kovach** and **MOHS** reconstruction with **Dr. Brannan**.

Your surgery is scheduled on _____ at

A biopsy of your lesion has been performed as has been diagnosed as skin cancer. This lesion will be surgically removed (excised) using the **MOHS** microscopically controlled technique. The attached Question & Answer sheets outline the procedure and explain frequently asked questions. Patients are **required** to read these and this letter prior to the day of surgery.

The **MOHS** procedure may take several hours. Please do not make any other appointments for the day of surgery. Please bring a book, other reading material, or anything else to help keep you occupied. Often, you will be able to go out for lunch. A friend or relative may spend the day with you if you would like. Please bring a sweater or something warm to wear, as our waiting room can be chilly.

Please take **ALL** routine medications the morning of surgery, prior to arrival.

If you take Coumadin, or Plavix, **continue** as usual.

If you are taking aspirin for a diagnosed cardiac condition, stroke or blood clots then **continue** to take it as prescribed by your physician. If you are taking aspirin for prevention purposes, we would like you to stop aspirin but you **MUST** call your prescribing physician and ask whether you can stop taking it 10 days prior to surgery.

Please **stop** taking Vitamin E, Multivitamins, Motrine, Ibuprofen, Ecotrin, Bufferin, Advil, Xluprin 2 weeks prior to surgery. If you are unsure about your medication, check with your pharmacist or primary care physician.

Do **not** drink alcohol for 2-3 days prior to surgery.

Tylenol may be used for pain relief both before and after surgery. Tylenol does not affect bleeding or clotting.

In instances where medication cannot be stopped, the surgery can be performed safely.

After your surgery you will need to take care of your wound at home. You will be given wound care instructions when leaving the office. You may need the following non-prescription items at home: **Q-tips, Telfa non-stick pads, Polysporin antibiotic ointment, and Paper tape.**

Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns or wish to discuss your surgery further.