

Dr. Sidney Smith is a board certified Mohs surgeon.

What is Mohs and what does it mean to be board certified?

Mohs Micrographic Surgery is the most advanced and effective treatment procedure for skin cancer available today. The procedure is performed by specially trained surgeons who have completed at least one additional year of fellowship training (in addition to the physician's three-year dermatology residency) under the tutelage of a Mohs College member.

Initially developed by Dr. Frederic E. Mohs, the Mohs procedure is a state-of-the-art treatment that has been continuously refined over 70 years. With the Mohs technique, physicians are able to see beyond the visible disease, to precisely identify and remove the entire tumor layer by layer while leaving the surrounding healthy tissue intact and unharmed. As the most exact and precise method of tumor removal, it minimizes the chance of re-growth and lessens the potential for scarring or disfigurement.

Because the physician is specially trained in surgery, pathology, and reconstruction, Mohs surgery has the highest success rate of all treatments for skin cancer - up to 99 percent. The Mohs technique is also the treatment of choice for cancers of the face and other sensitive areas as it relies on the accuracy of a microscopic surgical procedure to trace the edges of the cancer and ensure complete removal of all tumors down to the roots during the initial surgery.

When and where is this procedure performed?

Dr. Smith performs Mohs Surgery at our Savannah location only. It is equipped with four patient friendly surgical rooms, a separate comfortable surgical waiting area with recliners and couches for relaxing, as well as a state-of-the-art laboratory for specimen processing. The staff is fully trained in Mohs procedure, patient care and comfort. Surgeries are scheduled with Dr. Smith only on Mondays and Tuesdays starting at 7:30 am. Call our office for additional information.