

## **Surgical Procedures (Surgery for Skin Cancers, Cysts, Lipomas, Moles and Cosmetic Repairs)**

### **Where are the surgeries performed?**

Surgeries are performed in our clinic on specific days and times. The front desk will schedule you at our next available opening.

### **Do I need to arrive early for my appointment?**

We do ask that you **arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment time**. If you arrive late, you may be at risk for your appointment being rescheduled and being charged a late fee.

### **Will I be put to sleep for surgery?**

No, we use local anesthetic. This means we only numb the area that we are working on.

### **Do I need a driver?**

You do not need a driver unless you are explicitly told by the office staff that you need one.

### **How long will the surgery take?**

Most of our surgeries take 30 minutes to 1 hour to complete. Please, plan your day accordingly.

### **Will I have a scar after surgery?**

Any time you cut the skin you will have a scar because scarring is a natural part of the body's healing process. However, how well you take care of your surgical site can influence the appearance of the scar.

### **What are my limitations after surgery?**

Physical activity should be limited post-op until sutures are removed or directed by our office staff. These restrictions are to limit adverse effects and complications. Please **DO NOT** swim in the ocean/lakes/pools/hottubs or use saunas/steamrooms post surgery. Do not schedule the surgery before important events or upcoming vacations.

### **I have multiple areas I need treated. Can I have them done all at once?**

Typically only one spot is taken care of per visit. Increased risk of infection, issues with insurance coverage, and time can limit our surgeon from operating on multiple sites.

### **How will I know the cost of surgery?**

You can receive an estimate 3 ways: via phone call, by e-mail, or an in-office quote (Cosmetic procedures/Self Pay only). Please note: we do not send out estimates if the cost of the surgery is your standard co-pay.

### **Can I have family/friends in the room during surgery?**

For safety reasons, we do not allow family or friends in the room during surgery.

### **What if I need to reschedule my surgery appointment?**

You **MUST** provide 72 hours (3 days) notice for appointment changes or you will be charged **\$250** cancellation/no show fee.

### **What to expect the day of:**

Dr. Stepien will mark the surgery site, you will be numbed with local anesthesia and then we will perform the surgery. You will have stitches put in and then you will return 1-2 weeks after the surgery to have them taken out.

**Please let your provider know of any history of keloid scars, skin infections, pacemakers/defibrillators, or recent joint replacements before scheduling surgeries.**