



Kansas' Most Experienced Mohs Surgeon

Advanced Dermatology offers Mohs surgery for skin cancer removal. Mohs surgery provides the highest cure rate with maximum preservation of healthy, cancer-free tissue. This is especially important for areas such as the face and hands.

Skin cancers can start out looking like a pimple or a red, scaly patch that does not heal or may even increase in size. Any skin lesion that does not heal after six weeks could be a sign that the lesion is a skin cancer.

"While skin cancers can certainly metastasize to other organs and cause death, they also destroy local tissue, and this can be disfiguring and potentially life altering. The key to cancer treatment is early diagnosis and treatment," says Dr. John R. Adams, a dermatologist with Advanced Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center, based in Manhattan, Kansas.

Dr. Adams is Kansas' most experienced specialist in Mohs surgery, a

technique used to remove skin cancers completely while preserving healthy, cancer-free tissue. "With Mohs surgery, the patient ends up with the smallest loss of skin possible and the highest cure rate possible. This is why Mohs surgery is the gold standard for the treatment of skin cancer. It's a win-win—the highest cure rate with the smallest scar," Dr. Adams explains.

Why Mohs Matters

When Wisconsin physician Frederick Mohs, MD, first developed the

technique that bears his name in the 1930s, he was met with much ridicule by the medical community. But as decades passed, Dr. Mohs' results changed minds. Today, Mohs surgery is the gold standard for the removal of skin cancers, particularly those in areas such as the nose, ears, lips, eyelids, and hands, in which tissue sparing is of vital importance.

The advantages of the procedure are numerous. "Mohs surgery is done with local anesthesia, so general anesthesia is not necessary. Because general anesthesia is not necessary, procedures can be performed in the office. This means no extra facility or anesthesia fees. Therefore, Mohs surgery not only has the highest cure rate and preserves the maximum amount of healthy, non-cancerous tissue; it also saves money."

Dr. Adams estimates there are fewer than 10 Mohs surgeons in Kansas. Advanced Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center provides its patients with access to the most experienced specialist in the state. Dr. Adams is now expanding access to his practice to even more residents of Kansas with Advanced Dermatology's new offices

in Ottawa, Emporia, and Salina.

"Our priority is to provide the best patient care possible. These efforts are brought to our patients by way of our physician extenders, nurses, and other healthcare professionals who work at Advanced Dermatology. I get cards every week about

our staff," Dr. Adams says. "They are usually about how passionate, caring, and professional our staff is. We are very particular about those who join our team; we look for people who are loving, caring, and compassionate."



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