

Preoperative checklist:

- No alcohol five days prior to surgery
- Eat a light breakfast before surgery
- Eat a light lunch before surgery
- We do not have accommodations for multiple family members, so please limit to two friends or family members.
- You will be admitted in our operatory suite and your family member will have an opportunity to wait for you during the surgery in our waiting room.
- We ask that you plan to be at our office for 3-4 hours. This does not mean that you will be in surgery the entire time. We process the tissue in the lab, which takes at least 30-45 minutes. At that time the tissue will be analyzed and if the margins show to be clear, the necessary means to repair the area will take place. If the tissue shows roots of the cancer extending through the margin, a second portion of the tissue would be taken to be analyzed. This process takes place until all the margins are cleared. This method is performed to assure that all the cancer cells are removed so there is less chance of any recurrence.
- Please cancel all activities for the day of surgery and possibly longer. You will receive postoperative instructions before you leave our office.
- Be prepared to spend the night before your surgery if you are coming from out of town as well as the night of surgery if the surgery becomes more extensive.
- You may want to bring a sweater to be worn in the waiting rooms because the temperature in our office is very cool, although it will not be allowed in the operating room.
- Please do not apply any make up the day of surgery.
- You will be required to remove your shirt and a gown furnished by the office will be worn to surgery. (Therefore, you may not want to wear one piece garments such as jumpsuits, etc.) .