

FOR PATIENTS WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF PIGMENTED GROWTHS
YOU WILL BE TREATED WITH “SLOW MOHS”

This would include:

- atypical or “dysplastic” nevus (mole)
- pre-melanomas
- spitz nevus
- melanoma
- lentigo maligna
- atypical melanocytic neoplasm

Your diagnosis makes it necessary for us to use overnight section processing which takes 12-14 hours. We will remove the first layer with mapping, exactly as described in the brochure, but you will go home immediately thereafter. You will need to return the next morning to find out the results of the pathology. At that time we will know whether there are any “roots” left and if we have to take an additional layer. The removal process will continue each day until clear margins are achieved. (Many people will only need one layer- it depends on the growth of your particular lesion.) Once the margins are clear, we will be able to do whatever is necessary to aid in healing. Therefore, you will need to plan on at least two (and possibly more) visits on sequential days for complete removal of this lesion.

*Some growths are small enough that the doctors may feel that it can be removed in only one visit. This will be determined by the doctor during the initial visit.