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Excision of Skin Lesion

How will the day go for me?

Date of procedure: _____

Arrival Time: The hospital staff will contact you the day before your procedure and give you an exact time of arrival. If you have not been contacted by 3:00 PM please call the hospital at (580) 251-8449 or our office at (580) 255-9797.

Expected length of procedure: There will be 30 minutes of prep time. The surgery will take approximately 15 minutes and you will be in recovery for 30 additional minutes.

What happens after I arrive?

- You will check in at Admissions and Outpatient Services (see map included in packet).
- Pre-op laboratories/imaging will be completed if not previously performed.
- A nurse will confirm your history, start your IV and fluids will be given.
- Dr. Miller will visit with you prior to your procedure and answer any questions you might have.
- Anesthesia will arrive to review your history and take you to the operating room.
- Anesthesia will be administered and the surgery will begin.

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How will my skin lesion be excised?

- Excision involves removing a lesion in the deeper levels of the skin. A small amount of normal tissue surrounding the lesion may be removed to ensure it is clear of any possible cancer cells (clear margins).
- Most often, an area the shape of an ellipse (similar to a football) is removed, as this makes it easier to close with sutures. The entire lesion is removed, going as deep as the fat, if needed, to get the entire area.
- The area is closed with sutures and dressings are applied. Sometimes the sutures will dissolve, other times the sutures will have to be removed 7-14 days later.

