



## Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

### Post MOH's Procedure Repair FAQ

**Q. I had a MOH's procedure on my nose and the hole is about the size of a dime. How will they fix this?**

A. After Dr. Shipchandler examines you, he will map out the best approach he feels will give you the best outcome. The goal is to repair the defect while keeping in mind the aesthetic outcome. This can and most likely will include a graft of your own skin to cover the defect. This can be difficult to imagine, but we have photos of previous patients that have gone through the procedure, and we can show you the different stages and final outcomes.

**Q. What about my insurance, will they cover this?**

A. We will contact your insurance company to inquire about your insurance benefits. It is our job to make sure that preauthorization is complete before your surgery date. It is rare for insurance to not cover these types of procedures.

**Q. How long does this process take?**

A. That all depends on the surgical approach that you and Dr. Shipchandler decide is best for you. Some patients will have one, two or three surgical procedures to get to their final result. These can be 2 hour procedures and are considered out patient, which means you will go home the same day as your procedure, however, each patient is different.

**Q. Why can't it all be done in one surgery?**

A. If the surgical approach is to use a graft, there needs to be time between phases so that the graft has time to heal. This can be an emotionally difficult time in this process as the "cure" may look worse than the defect did. Please trust Dr. Shipchandler's expertise, but please do not suffer in silence. Let us know if you are having a difficult time dealing with the process and we will do what we can to help.

**Q. How often do I have to be seen after my surgery?**

A. Seven days after your surgery you will have an appointment with Amy, Dr. Shipchandler's nurse, for suture removal and wound check. You will then see Dr. Shipchandler approximately one week later. Depending on the surgical plan, you will either follow up as Dr. Shipchandler recommends or we will see you at your next surgery. Of course, if there is an issue or concern that comes up we



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are always available to see you as needed. Since each patient is different, healing, general health, and your surgical plan will determine the way you heal.