



## What is Mohs Surgery?

### Mohs Facts

Dr. Frederic Mohs developed the Mohs procedure in the 1930s. Mohs Micrographic Surgery is an outpatient procedure that involves the surgeon removing the visible tumor and then creating a map or diagram of the cancer site. The surgeon then removes smaller and smaller sections of surrounding tissue, which the surgeon immediately studies under a powerful microscope, until the surgeon determines that all the cancer has been removed from the diagrammed area. Once the cancer has been removed, the surgeon repairs the wound using the most advanced reconstructive procedures.

### The Mohs technique provides the following benefits:

- Success - Mohs surgery provides the highest cure rate of any treatments for skin cancer-up to 99%-and substantially decreases the chance of skin cancer recurrence.
- Preservation - Mohs surgery minimizes the removal of normal skin tissue allowing for potentially smaller scars.
- Safety - Mohs surgery is performed under local anesthesia. This permits faster patient recovery and a lower risk of complications, especially for older patients.
- Integration - The Mohs surgeon is specially trained to complete your skin cancer treatment, interpret the pathology evaluation, and complete most wound reconstruction in the same visit. When needed, your care may be coordinated with other specialists to optimize your outcome.

### Why Choose a Fellowship Trained Mohs Surgeon?

Mohs micrographic surgery has set a new standard in skin cancer treatment. An increasing number of physicians are performing Mohs surgery, which is now widely accepted as the most effective treatment for most types of skin cancer. However, not all Mohs surgeons receive the same level of training as Dr. Bailey, a fellowship trained Mohs surgeon.

When it comes to your skin cancer treatment, you deserve no less than the best. Dr. Bailey has achieved the highest degree of Mohs surgery qualification by completing an American College of Mohs Surgery approved fellowship. For you, this means peace of mind, knowing that you will receive superior quality and competency, as well as an optimal outcome.

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## Naaman Clinic and ACMS - Committed to Superior Care

The ACMS was established by Dr. Frederic Mohs himself, and its fellowship training program is generally acknowledged as the benchmark in Mohs surgery training. Through an extensive application and interview process, only the most qualified physicians are selected by ACMS to participate in a fellowship program. Participants must undergo a rigorous 1 to 2-year training program subsequent to completing a residency in dermatology.

During fellowship training, Dr. Bailey studied and trained under the guidance of veteran Mohs College surgeons who have demonstrated expertise in Mohs surgery. A cornerstone of the ACMS fellowship training program is cultivating experience and judgment in each graduate. Since skin cancer occurs in a diversity of forms, degrees and locations, the program is set up to be thorough and stringent.

Dr. Bailey met the following requirements in completing his ACMS fellowship:

- Participated in a minimum of 500 Mohs surgery cases
- Learned to accurately interpret slides of tissue samples removed during Mohs surgery
- Performed a vast array of reconstructions, ranging from the simplest to the most complex, multi-step repairs

As an ACMS graduate, Dr. Bailey gained an uncommon level of exposure, including everything from challenging tumor locations to rare tumor pathology and complex wound reconstruction. You can rest assured that Naaman Clinic has the training and experience to achieve the best outcome from your skin cancer treatment.

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