

**149 North Main Street
Meadville, PA 16335**

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - NOON

Office hours by appointment

Phone: 814-333-3939

Fax: 814-333-8819

YOUR NEXT APPOINTMENT

Fill details in the space below:

Please use info from brochure.

Date Time Doctor

Note: A stitch removal/wound check appointment may be required within the 1-14 days immediately following surgery. Please make arrangements accordingly.

APPOINTMENT CANCELLATION

If you need to cancel your appointment, please cancel 24 hours prior to your appointment.



Mohs Micrographic & Skin Surgery at Meadville Dermatology



WELCOME TO OUR FACILITY



Meadville Dermatology & Skin Surgery Institute is an outpatient clinic and surgical facility owned by Meadville Medical Center. This brochure contains information about your upcoming appointment or surgery. If you have any further questions after reviewing this material, please feel free to contact our office at 814-333-3939. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and we look forward to your visit.

APPOINTMENTS

Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time in order to complete necessary paperwork. For new patients, please bring completed medical history questionnaire, completed medication list (name, strength/dose, frequency, route of administration), insurance cards, photo ID, and copayment. Please do not mail or fax these forms to our office. For existing patients, please bring an updated medication list if your medications have changed since your last visit. If you have had a biopsy-proven skin cancer, your Doctor will send us a copy of your pathology report. Our office will then call you to schedule your appointment.

Consultation and surgery are typically done in a single visit. However, a separate initial consultation visit could be arranged prior to your surgery appointment. At times, the biopsy site is healed completely and may be hard to find by the time of your surgery appointment. If your biopsy site is still healing and easy to see now, we encourage you or someone else to take a photo (most phones can do this). Please remember to bring this photo with you for your appointment. A Mohs surgery visit could last several hours or all day. Please plan accordingly. It may take over an hour to process removed skin tissue in our on-site laboratory. Additional time may be required for wound reconstruction or stitches. Excisions take an hour or longer.

MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY (MMS)

MMS is an advanced tissue-saving technique for the complete removal of skin cancers. The Mohs surgeon removes skin cancer under local anesthetic and performs same day wound reconstruction. All removed skin tissue is processed in an on-site certified pathology laboratory. Cure rates are up to 99% for certain primary skin cancers. Cases not meeting use criteria for MMS may be treated with a wide excision with margins.

PREPARING FOR MOHS/SKIN SURGERY

To expedite your check-in process and readiness for surgery, please completely fill out any paperwork or forms we may send to you prior to your surgery appointment. Lunch is 12-1 PM. If you would like to pack a lunch, we do have a refrigerator and microwave on-site. We can provide you with menus of local restaurants that deliver. Minor children must be accompanied by an adult on the day of surgery. On the morning prior to surgery, please take all your prescribed medications, especially those prescribed for blood pressure control, diabetes and all blood thinners including warfarin, Plavix, aspirin, Eliquis, and any others unless specifically instructed by your doctor not to do so. Please eat a light breakfast on the day of your surgery. Please avoid alcohol 48 hours prior to surgery. Consider bringing a family member, friend or making other arrangements for driving. You may be tired after the procedure. If the surgical site is close to your eyes, bandages may interfere with your vision.

EDUCATIONAL LINKS

Accurate information regarding skin cancer & Mohs surgery may be found at:

www.aad.org (American Academy of Dermatology)

www.skincancermohssurgery.org (American College of Mohs Surgery)
– select link on top of page “About MOHS surgery”.

AFTER SURGERY CARE

Detailed written postoperative instructions for at-home wound care will be provided for you immediately after surgery. To prevent excessive bleeding it is highly recommended to avoid vigorous activity or heavy lifting immediately following surgery. If bleeding occurs following surgery, remain calm and apply firm continuous pressure with gauze over the original dressing for a period of 30 minutes to 1 hour. If bleeding persists after 2 rounds of pressure for 30 minutes to 1 hour, call the emergency contact information below. Pain should be improving daily after surgery. If pain begins or there is foul discharge at the surgical site 5-7 days after surgery, please call and let us know immediately. For any questions or concerns, please call Meadville Dermatology at 814-333-3939. If after 5:00 pm on weekdays, a weekend or holiday, please leave a message at our office and we will return your call on our next business day. If you believe you are having an emergency/urgent surgical complication that cannot wait until the office opens at 8:00 am the next morning, please call the Meadville Medical Center hospital Switchboard Operator at (814) 333-5000. Ask to speak with Dr. Hakeem Sam in Dermatology/ Mohs Surgery. If you believe you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911 or present to the nearest Emergency Room.

INSURANCE AND BILLING

This office is a hospital-based outpatient department. We are required to bill professional services performed by the physician separately from those technical or ancillary (facility) services of the outpatient center and its staff. Therefore, you may receive two (2) types of charges on your combined patient bill for health care delivery at the outpatient center. One charge represents the department or medical center fee. The other charge represents the professional or physician's fee. We recommend you review your insurance benefits or contact your insurance carrier to determine what the insurance policy will pay and what out-of-pocket expenses you may incur. Please be sure to bring your current insurance cards and photo ID with you. For further questions regarding billing and your Mohs surgery, please contact our office at 814-333-3939.

DIRECTIONS TO OUR FACILITY

I-79 from the south/Pittsburgh:

- Take I-79 N to US-19 N/US-322 E/US-6 E in Vernon Township.
- Take exit 147A from I-79 N
- Follow US-19 N/US-322 E/US-6 E and through Downtown Meadville on Park Ave to North St
- Turn Right onto North Street (you will see a little Caesar's and a Burger King)
- Continue on North Street until you reach the stop light. Country Fair will be on the opposing corner. Turn Left onto North Main Street
- Continue on N. Main past Allegheny College
- Look for a brick building shortly after the college with a white sign in the front
- If you reach Wesbury, you have gone too far

I-79 from the north/Erie:

- Take I-79 S
- Take Meadville Exit 147 A
- Follow US-19 N/US-322E/US-6 E and through downtown Meadville on Park Ave to North St
- Turn right onto North St (you will see a Little Caser's and a Burger King)
- Continue on North St until you reach the stop light
Country Fair will be on the opposing corner
- Turn left onto North Main St
- Continue on North Main past Allegheny College
- Look for a red brick building with blue awnings shortly after the college with a white sign in the front on your right
- If you reach Wesbury, you have gone too far

From Titusville:

- Head West on W. Central Ave toward Exchange PL
- Continue straight onto PA-27 W toward Meadville
- Turn Right onto Leslie Road
- Turn Left onto N. Main Street Extension and continue onto N. Main Street
- Look for a brick building with a white sign shortly past the CMA Church
- If you pass Allegheny College on the right, you have gone too far
- If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at 814-333-3939

PARKING

We have plenty of parking alongside the building or if needed, in the handicap parking spots in the back of the building. Please do not park in the staff parking at the very end of the parking lot.



HAKEEM SAM, MD, PHD, FRCP, FAAD, FACMS

Board-Certified Dermatologist and
ACMS Fellowship trained MOHS Surgeon

Dr. Sam received his medical degree and PhD in experimental medicine from McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada. Dr. Sam completed his procedural dermatology/ Mohs fellowship at Geisinger Health System, Danville, PA.



DONALD KINESTON, MD, FAAD

Board-Certified Dermatologist

Dr. Kineston received his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. He completed his dermatology residency at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA.



TIFFANY REPLOGLE, PA-C

Physician's Assistant

Tiffany Replogle, PA-C, received her physician's assistant certification from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2001. Ms. Replogle practiced medicine in various fields including gastroenterology, cardiology and pain management before joining the Meadville Dermatology and Skin Surgery Institute in 2013.