

# Carolina Skin Surgery Center Monthly Newsletter

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## *What Type of Learner Are You?*

By: April LeClear

As you all probably know, our specialty is Mohs Micrographic Surgery. Some people are able to schedule a consultation with Mohs surgery on the same day. When we schedule a person for consultation and surgery on the same day, this means that we have not seen them before, we have not been able to evaluate the site that we will be performing surgery on, and the patient has only had a brief explanation of what Mohs entails. We allow some people to schedule this way to make it as easy as possible on their schedule. We understand that it is hard to take off of work or to juggle every day responsibilities. It is very convenient for people to schedule this way - we just want to make sure that people understand exactly what they are getting in to.

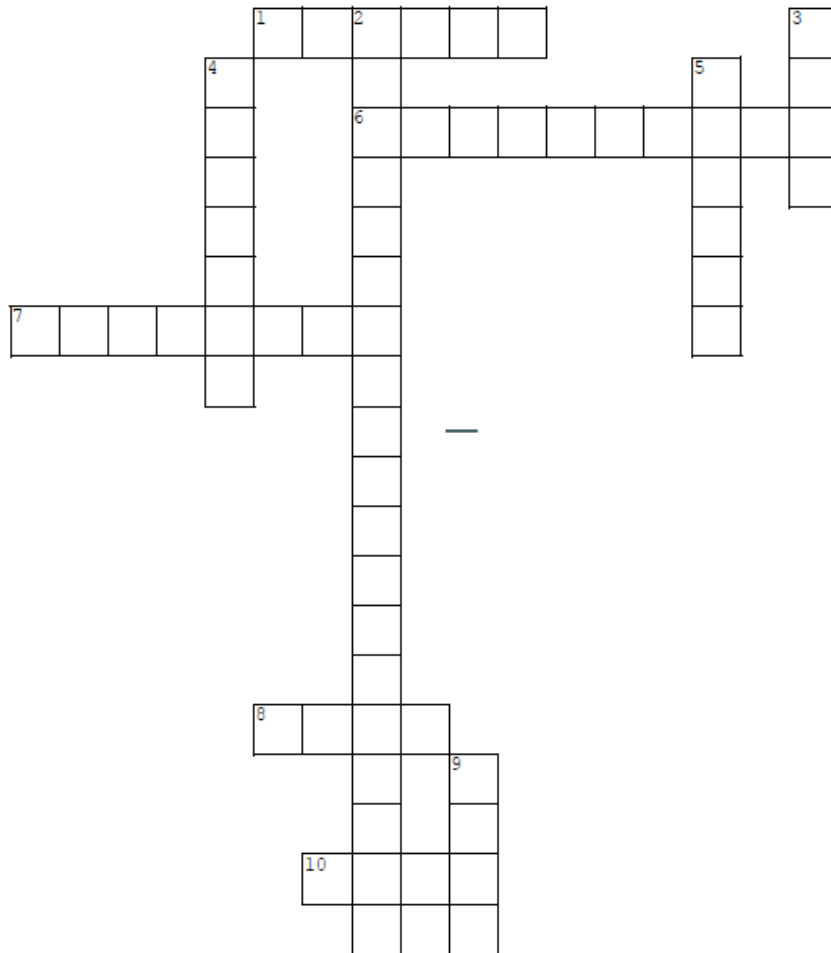
Our Surgery Coordinator's do a wonderful job when scheduling people for what we call "consult/surgery same day" appointments. They will call you and discuss the surgery and collect your medical history over the phone. There are times when we realize that people learn about things in different ways. Are you an auditory learner (would you rather listen)? Are you a visual learner (would you rather watch a video)? Or are you a "read-write" learner (would you rather have everything written out for you)? It might be a good idea to tell the Surgery Coordinator the best way to communicate with you. I am an enthusiastic reader. If I were having surgery, I might tell them that reading material works best for me. If you are a more visual learner, then perhaps you would benefit from watching our videos. We have several videos about Mohs surgery and how to take care of your wound after surgery on our website. Or if you think you would rather hear all the details in person, maybe a consultation is a better option for you instead of consult/surgery same day.

For more information about Mohs Micrographic Surgery, please visit our website at [www.carolinaskinsurgery.com](http://www.carolinaskinsurgery.com). Remember to ask yourself: Are you an auditory learner (would you rather listen)? Are you a visual learner (would you rather watch a video)? Or are you a "read-write" learner (would you rather have everything written out for you)? Once you figure out what type of learning style you prefer, you can communicate that to the person that is scheduling your appointment. Our website is full of information for all learning styles.

## Announcements for June:

- June 11<sup>th</sup> is Cynthia's birthday!
- June 24<sup>th</sup> is Tara's birthday!
- June 24<sup>th</sup> is also Chiffon's birthday!

Complete the crossword below



Created on [TheTeachersCorner.net](http://TheTeachersCorner.net) Crossword Maker

### **Across**

1. What kind of learner are you if you would rather watch a video?
6. What kind of learner are you if you would rather have everything written out?
7. What kind of learner are you if you would rather listen?
8. What month is it?
10. What is our specialty?

### **Down**

2. Who schedules your surgery?
3. What does Mohs rhyme with? Hint - Head, shoulders, knees, and \_\_\_\_
4. What is the last name of the Mohs Surgeon?
5. What do we have on our website for visual learners?
9. What is the first name of the Surgical Physician Assistant?

# CAROLINA SKIN SURGERY CENTER

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## About Dr. Carruth:

Dr. Marc R. Carruth is the Director of Carolina Skin Surgery Center. Dr. Carruth received his M.D. degree from Duke University where he graduated with highest honors in 1993 and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He was awarded a Howard Hughes Medical Institute fellowship at the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Carruth completed his internship in Internal Medicine at Harvard, Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts and a Dermatology residency at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia where he was chief resident. Dr. Carruth completed his Mohs Micrographic and Dermatologic Surgery fellowship at Baptist Hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Dr. Carruth is known for his personable bedside manner and has been providing excellent care to patients in the Charlotte region since 1997. He has performed thousands of Mohs micrographic procedures during his tenure.

## About Lisa Matuga, PA-C:

Lisa has been a Physician Assistant for over 6 years and has been providing excellent dermatologic care in the Charlotte area for over three years.

Lisa received her Master of Science in Medicine and graduated from the Physician Assistant Program at Western Michigan University in 2008. She has a passion for helping patients with their dermatological needs and we are very excited to have her as a part of our team.

## Meet the Staff:

Receptionist: Sandy - She always has a smile on her face and is willing to help with anything. Sandy has been with Dr. Carruth since April of 2010.

Billing: Cathy – Understanding health insurance can be overwhelming, but Cathy is always willing to call and verify benefits and then explain them to you as simply as possible. Cathy has been with Dr. Carruth since December of 2008.

Surgery Coordinator / Certified Medical Assistant: Ashley – She assists Dr. Carruth and Lisa Matuga, PA-C with procedures and also handles the surgery scheduling. If you have had Mohs surgery then you have probably spoken with her! Ashley has been with Dr. Carruth since May of 2011.

Lab Technician / Medical Assistant: Tara – She is the one who processes the tissue for Dr. Carruth to review under the microscope (Mohs surgery). She also assists Dr. Carruth and Lisa with procedures. She has been with Dr. Carruth since September of 2007.

Registered Medical Assistant / Lab Technician: Jackie – She assists Dr. Carruth and Lisa with procedures and also helps process the tissue in the lab. Jackie has been with Dr. Carruth since October of 2008.

Certified Surgical Technician: Cynthia – She assists Dr. Carruth and Lisa with procedures and has been with Dr. Carruth since September of 2009.

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant / Surgery Coordinator: Chiffon – assists Lisa Matuga, PA-C with patients and handles surgery scheduling. She has been a part of our team since 2014.

Office Manager: April has been with Dr. Carruth since August of 2006. Please let her know if you have any suggestions or comments – we encourage feedback and are always willing to learn.

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