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Enjoy a Cup of Joe

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Mohs Micrographic Surgery is an advanced treatment procedure for skin cancer which offers the highest potential for recovery. Mohs procedures usually take about 2 to 4 hours. Some cancers require 2 to 4 stages for complete removal. During each stage, there will be a 45 minute to one hour break. During this time the Lab technician is processing your tissue and then the Mohs surgeon will meticulously examine the tissue for remaining cancer cells. Here is where you think, "One hour!?! What do I do during that time?" Then here is where I give you some ideas. ☺

1. Wi-Fi: That's right! We have Wi-Fi! So bring your tablets, smart phones, laptops – whatever device you have - and connect to our Wi-Fi. You can read up on Mohs by visiting our website, check us out on Facebook, catch up on work, or even play Angry Birds!
2. Enjoy a nice cup of coffee (or three): We are proud to announce our new addition – the Keurig! With several different coffee options, you can brew almost any kind of coffee that you want. If you are an avid coffee enthusiast like myself then relax and enjoy.
 - a. We also have filtered water and hot tea for those of you that may not like coffee.
3. Magazines: We have several different kinds of magazines for you to enjoy.
4. Television: You can catch up on the news while you are waiting or even "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" – we won't tell.
5. Quiet: If you are one that enjoys the quiet and would rather read a book than watch TV then that is fine too. We even have a monthly newsletter that you can read (which is probably what you are reading right now).

If you get really bored while you are waiting then we can find some work for you to do. Just kidding! We are here to make sure that you are comfortable. We want your time with us to be as pleasant as possible given the circumstances of why you are here in the first place. So have a seat, make a nice cup of coffee (or tea), and let us know if you need anything.

For more specific information about Mohs surgery, please visit our website: carolinaskinsurgery.com.

Announcements for March:

- Sunday, March 13th is Ashley's birthday! Happy Birthday!
 - This is also Daylight Savings Time! Don't forget.
- Thursday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day! You better wear green.
- March 20th is the first day of Spring.
- Sunday, March 27th is Easter.



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- Carolinaskinsurgery.com/blog
- Tell us what you would like to read or learn more about relative to our scope of practice and we will try our best to make it happen.

Enjoy a Word Search Puzzle....

S	Q	D	W	H	Q	K	T	W	J
F	A	C	E	B	O	O	K	A	O
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R	L	M	F	E	E	O	X	Y	N
B	D	J	J	M	F	P	O	L	Y

Word List:

BLOG
SKIN
CANCER
COFFEE
FACEBOOK
CURE
MOHS
WIFI

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"Specializing in the treatment of skin cancer"

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 is a Certified Physician Assistant and has been providing excellent dermatologic care in the Charlotte area for over five 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. She has been a part of the CSSC team since September of 2013.

Meet the Team:

Administrative Assistant: **Sandy** - She always has a smile on her face and is willing to help with anything. Sandy has been a part of the team since April of 2010.

Billing Specialist: **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 a part of the team since December of 2008.

Surgery Coordinator / Certified Clinical 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 a part of the team since May of 2011.

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 a part of the team since October of 2008.

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

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

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant / Lab Technician: **Lynn** – She assists Dr. Carruth and Lisa with procedures and also helps process the tissue in the lab. Lynn has been a part of the team since July of 2015.

Office Manager / Certified Medical Practice Executive/ Certified Professional Coder / Certified Physician Practice Manager: **April** has been a part of the team since August of 2006. Please let her know if you have any suggestions or comments – we encourage feedback and are always willing to learn and improve.

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