

# Carolina Skin Surgery Center Monthly Newsletter

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## *Do I need to take antibiotics before my surgery procedure?*

We understand that most patients do not like taking extra medications and oral antibiotics are no exception. There may be certain medical reasons, however, for which it is necessary for you take antibiotics prior to your surgical procedure.

Some of these medical reasons include:

- Artificial joint replacement, especially if it was done within the last 2 years
- Prosthetic heart valves
- History of endocarditis (infection involving the heart)

Other things to consider include overall health status including diabetes and the site or location where the surgery will be performed. If a medical professional has ever told you that you need to take antibiotics prior to surgery, this is something that we need to know.

When asking questions about your medical history that may at the time seem unrelated to your visit, just know that we have your best interest in mind and aim to protect you from complications that may be prevented by pre-treating you ahead of time with antibiotics.



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*Announcements for October:*

- October 13<sup>th</sup> is Jackie's eight year anniversary with CSSC. ☺
- Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> is Boss's Day! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful boss!
- Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>: Kristen Bush, Physician Assistant, joins our team. Welcome Kristen!

## CAROLINA SKIN SURGERY CENTER

*"Treating Skin Cancer; Specializing in You"*

### 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.

### Meet the Team:

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

Surgery Coordinator / Certified Clinical Medical Assistant / Registered Medical Assistant for Dermatology: **Ashley** – She assists Dr. Carruth 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 with procedures and also helps process the tissue in the lab for Mohs Surgery. Jackie has been a part of the team since October of 2008.

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

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

Office 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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