

# Skin Cancer Surgery: An Issue of Facial Plastic Surgery Clinics of North America

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, and it is becoming increasingly prevalent worldwide. As a result, there is a growing need for surgeons who are skilled in the treatment of skin cancer. This issue of Facial Plastic Surgery Clinics of North America focuses on the latest advances in skin cancer surgery, with a particular emphasis on facial reconstruction.

The issue begins with a comprehensive overview of the epidemiology, diagnosis, and treatment of skin cancer. This is followed by a series of articles that focus on specific aspects of skin cancer surgery, including:



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- Reconstruction of the lip

The issue concludes with a discussion of the future of skin cancer surgery. This includes a look at new technologies that are being developed to improve the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer.

This issue of Facial Plastic Surgery Clinics of North America is an essential resource for surgeons who are interested in the latest advances in skin cancer surgery. The articles are written by leading experts in the field, and they provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of the art.

## **Mohs Surgery**

Mohs surgery is a specialized technique that is used to remove skin cancer. It is named after its inventor, Frederic Mohs, who developed the technique in the 1930s. Mohs surgery is considered to be the most effective method for removing skin cancer, as it allows the surgeon to remove the entire cancer while preserving as much healthy tissue as possible.

Mohs surgery is performed in a series of steps. First, the surgeon removes a small piece of tissue from the suspected skin cancer. This tissue is then examined under a microscope to determine if it contains cancer cells. If cancer cells are present, the surgeon will remove another layer of tissue. This process is repeated until all of the cancer cells have been removed.

Mohs surgery is a very precise technique, and it can be used to remove skin cancer from even the most difficult-to-reach areas. It is also a relatively

painless procedure, and it can be performed on an outpatient basis.

## **Reconstruction of the Nose**

Skin cancer can often lead to the loss of tissue in the nose. This can be a devastating blow to a person's appearance, and it can also make it difficult to breathe and speak. Fortunately, there are a number of reconstructive techniques that can be used to restore the nose to its normal appearance and function.

One of the most common techniques for reconstructing the nose is to use a skin graft. This involves taking a piece of skin from another part of the body and grafting it onto the nose. Another option is to use a tissue expander. This is a device that is placed under the skin and gradually inflated over time. This creates a new area of skin that can be used to reconstruct the nose.

In some cases, it may be necessary to use a combination of skin grafts and tissue expanders to reconstruct the nose. The best approach will depend on the individual patient's needs.

## **Reconstruction of the Ear**

Skin cancer can also lead to the loss of tissue in the ear. This can be a very disfiguring condition, and it can also make it difficult to hear. Fortunately, there are a number of reconstructive techniques that can be used to restore the ear to its normal appearance and function.

One of the most common techniques for reconstructing the ear is to use a cartilage graft. This involves taking a piece of cartilage from another part of the body and grafting it onto the ear. Another option is to use a synthetic

implant. This is a device that is made from a material that is similar to cartilage.

In some cases, it may be necessary to use a combination of cartilage grafts and synthetic implants to reconstruct the ear. The best approach will depend on the individual patient's needs.

## **Reconstruction of the Eyelid**

Skin cancer can also lead to the loss of tissue in the eyelid. This can be a very serious condition, as it can lead to vision loss. Fortunately, there are a number of reconstructive techniques that can be used to restore the eyelid to its normal appearance and function.

One of the most common techniques for reconstructing the eyelid is to use a skin graft. This involves taking a piece of skin from another part of the body and grafting it onto the eyelid. Another option is to use a tissue expander. This is a device that is placed under the skin and gradually inflated over time. This creates a new area of skin that can be used to reconstruct the eyelid.

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## **Reconstruction of the Lip**

Skin cancer can also lead to the loss of tissue in the lip. This can be a very disfiguring condition, and it can also make it difficult to eat and speak. Fortunately, there are a number of reconstructive techniques that can be used to restore the lip to its normal appearance and function.

One of the most common techniques for reconstructing the lip is to use a skin graft. This involves taking a piece of skin from another part of the body and grafting it onto the lip. Another option is to use a tissue expander. This is a device that is placed under the skin and gradually inflated over time. This creates a new area of skin that can be used to reconstruct the lip.

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## **The Future of Skin Cancer Surgery**

The future of skin cancer surgery is bright. There are a number of new technologies that are being developed that will improve the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer. These technologies include:

- Confocal microscopy
- Optical coherence tomography
- Photodynamic therapy
- Immunotherapy

These technologies are still in their early stages of development, but they have the potential to revolutionize the way that skin cancer is treated. Confocal microscopy and optical coherence tomography are imaging technologies that can provide a detailed view of the skin. This can help surgeons to more accurately diagnose skin cancer and to plan for surgery. Photodynamic therapy and immunotherapy are new treatment methods that have shown promise in treating skin cancer.

The future of skin cancer surgery is bright. These new technologies have the potential to improve the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer, and to help patients achieve better outcomes.



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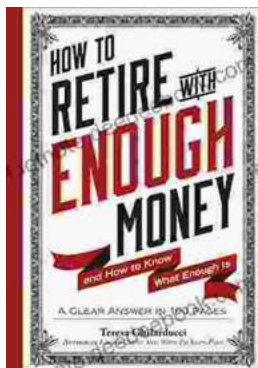
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