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Mohs Surgery: Fundamentals And Techniques, 1e



Synopsis

Explore in detail the essential surgical, dermatopathological and laboratory aspects of Mohs surgery, a precise method of skin cancer removal. This full-color, visual, how-to guide includes illustrations depicting excision, specimen handling and expected results of surgery. You'll learn to create perfect frozen section slides and review Mohs mapping techniques for identifying the location of remaining cancer tissue. Sample documents, a list of suppliers and a glossary of Mohs terms are included in the appendixes for physicians who are new to the procedure. Practical, illustrated how-to advice covers every aspect of Mohs surgery. Provides instrumentation lists, office set-up and equipment lists for physicians new to the procedure. Gives comparisons of vertical and horizontal histopathology of skin. Describes how to create perfect frozen section slides. Reviews Mohs mapping technique for identifying the exact location of remaining cancer tissue. Discusses the new use of Mohs surgery for aerodigestive tumors.

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Gross, Steinman, and Rapini have written the first Mohs surgery textbook for the ASMS crowd (American Society of Mohs Surgery) -it seems that most, if not all, of the contributors are of the non-fellowship-trained variety. Unlike Dr. Mohs' or Dr. Mikhail's textbooks, it focuses less on actual outcomes of treatment for different diagnoses than it does on practical aspects of a Mohs practice. It covers needed equipment to reimbursement issues to training a Mohs lab technician. The chapters are short (some at 2 pages) and the text is not dense. Its treatment of individual tumors is very

cursory. A better text for pertinent discussion of cutaneous tumors encountered in a Mohs practice is Mary Maloney's Surgical Dermatopathology. Where this book really shines is its discussion of the nuts and bolts of running a Mohs laboratory. Chapter 11 "Cryostat and Cryostat Technique: Obtaining Quality Mohs Slides" shows several different techniques of freezing and mounting specimens (including the glass slide technique which is the best) in several pages of photographs. Chapter 12 "Mohs Slides: Trouble Shooting and Quality Assurance" has a nifty table of slide problems and probable sources of trouble. In addition, photographs document actual cutting of tissue on the cryostat blade and show common errors. Another excellent photo series shows mounted tissue on slides (thin vs. thick sections, venetian blind appearance of tissue due to dirty and poorly lubricated microtome, etc). Dr. Rapini has also included a chapter on normal cutaneous histology with excellent pictures. In summary, the laboratory and pathology sections of the book are worth reading for Mohs fellows and technicians. The rest of the material is better addressed elsewhere.

The editors and authors do a very nice job of "how to" instruction. This would be a nice text for residents during their Mohs rotation or fellowship. I know of no other text that is as complete with practical knowledge on the subject of Mohs micrographic surgery. A wonderful cookbook with useful templates. A must for Dermatologic surgeons, plastic surgeons, or pathologists who practice the Mohs technique for skin cancer removal.

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