

What is Cosmetic Skin Tag and Mole Removal?

As experts in skin surgery, our surgeons are proud to provide care in the removal of cosmetic moles and skin tags. Moles and skin tags are non-cancerous common growths of the skin. Sun-exposed skin frequently produces pigmented spots as part of your skin's natural reaction to UV light. Over time, pigmented spots may become larger, or fade in colour and become thicker and more nodular.

Skin tags are common growths in areas of high friction where the skin rubs on clothing or in creases. The most common area of treatment is the face/ eyelids, neck and underarm.

How Are Moles and Skin Tags Removed?

Moles and skin tags may be removed surgically with minimal scarring, designed to hide in your natural skin lines and shadows. This may be removed through a shave or complete excisions.

SHAVE EXCISION: Only the prominent outer layer is removed. Best for skin tags. No sutures are required.

COMPLETE EXCISION: The entire lesion is removed, both on the surface and deep under the skin. Best for thick or heavily pigmented moles. Small sutures are required.

What to Expect From Surgery

The surgery lasts around 30 minutes and is performed as a minor procedure under local anesthesia. The surgeon will mark your skin and the area is frozen. Once the mole is removed there may be small sutures placed (for a complete excision only). If the mole appears suspicious, this may be sent for testing at a laboratory. A small tape is placed over top and aftercare instructions are given.

Recovery

There is minimal downtime after surgery. You may resume with normal activities after surgery, keeping in mind that the wound should stay clean and dry. You will have a small visible tape covering the scar. After 1 week, you will have your sutures removed. At this time, your surgeon will provide scar therapy instructions.

Schedule your personal consultation with Dr. Lee to talk about mole and skin tag removal.