

What To Expect: Preparing for Your First Visit to the Mohs and Dermasurgery Center

Location: 6655 Travis Street, Suite 650, Houston, Texas 77030

Closest Parking: Shared parking with Hilton (free first visit; after that, \$12/day)

Hours: 7 a.m.-5 p.m. (CST), Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (CST), Friday

Phone: 713-563-2772

Center website: www.mdanderson.org/MOHS

Directions: From **Main Building** go west on **Holcombe Boulevard**, turn right onto **Main Street**, turn left onto **Southgate Boulevard**, turn right onto **Travis Street**, turn right into garage, follow directions and park your vehicle. Take the elevator to the ground floor, walk out of the Hilton, cross the breezeway and enter the Houston Medical Center Plaza building, take elevator to **Floor 6**. The **Mohs and Dermasurgery Center** is located in **Suite 650**.

Getting to Your Center

- See the directions above, consult the enclosed map or www.access.mdanderson.org.
- For your first appointment at MD Anderson, **we offer free valet parking for your convenience**. Please bring your valet ticket to your center.
- If you need a copy of your appointment letter, visit the receptionist in the Mohs and Dermasurgery Center or, in the Main Building, visit one of the Information Desks. You can ask a greeter or any employee for directions to your appointment, if you need assistance.

Your First Visit

- You will begin your day registering with a patient access specialist. **For this, you will need a valid photo ID**. Otherwise, you will not be able to register. The registration process may take up to one hour. We ask that you arrive at your scheduled time for your registration appointment. This will be followed by your appointment with the physician.
- The patient access specialist will validate your parking ticket, review your insurance benefits, take your photo for your medical record and assign you a medical record number.
- You will be encouraged during registration to sign up for myMDAnderson at <https://my.mdanderson.org>. Once you have a login, this is a secure website where you can see your schedule, access your health information and communicate with your care team.
- After registration, you will meet with a member of your health care team.
- After a physical exam, the medical team will review treatment plan options with you and your family. Depending on your pathology results, your medical team may require additional biopsies. If so, we will work with you to schedule these appointments.

Your Schedule

We strive to keep wait times to a minimum, but please keep in mind that appointments may be delayed as we work to meet every patient's needs.

Updated information on estimated appointment times is displayed in your center. If you have questions about your wait, please ask the front desk staff. They are focused on meeting your needs and can provide you with a pager if you would like to leave the lobby.

If you have other questions about what to expect or if you cannot keep your appointment, please call the Mohs and Dermasurgery Patient Access Center at 713-563-2772.

Quick Facts: What Makes MD Anderson Care Different

When you arrive for your first appointment with us, we want you to feel confident about your decision to be treated at MD Anderson.

We are devoted to evidence-based patient care, cancer research, education and prevention. Our goal is to provide you with the highest standard of care while ensuring your safety. This mission unites our employees and volunteers.

As a world leader in cancer care, we use the latest technology, innovative services and cancer research to develop a treatment plan designed to meet your individual needs.

Our Values, Services and Expertise

- We use a **team approach**. Our clinicians and scientists work together with you to understand and treat your cancer at a molecular level. This collaboration between specialists allows us to quickly bring our clinical expertise and research to you.
- Last year, our clinicians and researchers treated more than 400 types of cancer. The expert who treats you will not be just a highly qualified cancer doctor, but will have **sub-specialty expertise** in your specific type of cancer.
- We request your pathology results and may collect additional pathology specimens to study your disease in the laboratory. Evaluation of your diagnostic material is a significant part of diagnosing and treating your cancer effectively. That's why we employ **world-renowned pathologists**, who change or refine approximately 25% of patient diagnoses after the first appointment. This helps our physicians better determine the most appropriate treatment for you.
- Our radiologists will conduct a **personalized imaging study** of you based on your medical history and specific cancer to ensure accuracy and the lowest radiation exposure possible. Last year, our radiologists performed more than 500,000 diagnostic procedures for our patients.
- Our medical oncologists **specialize in diagnosing and treating cancer** using drug, hormone, biological and targeted therapies. Our surgeons and radiation oncologists are highly **skilled in robotic and minimally invasive techniques** that minimize short-term and long-term side effects for our patients.
- We offer **innovative clinical trials**, which are research studies in which patients volunteer to take part. These are led by our physicians in Houston. We also participate in collaborative clinical trials that span the globe. Your care team will work with you to determine if there is a clinical trial that offers a suitable treatment option for you.
- We understand that cancer can be overwhelming, so we also offer a wide array of **supportive care services** such as nutrition, integrative medicine, and genetic and personal counseling. And if you would like to talk to a survivor with the same or similar diagnosis as you, call Anderson Network at 1-800-345-6324.
- **We care about you.** Your individual needs are our concern.