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These second-floor suites are dedicated exclusively to Mohs micrographically-controlled surgery, used to treat skin cancer through the removal and microscopic examination of tissue margins. After the Mohs surgeon removes cancerous tissue, a histotechnician prepares the tissue for evaluation by the surgeon

under the microscope. If cancer is still present, the surgeon will know exactly where it is and can target it precisely.

Cancer is eliminated with the least possible damage to nearby healthy tissue and minimal scarring, while yielding a 97 to 99% cure rate. The majority of wounds are repaired immediately following surgery, all under local anesthesia. Patients are then free to leave the office on their own.

The two-story, 7,000-square-foot Punta Gorda office opened in May and is Florida Skin Center's fourth location. Chetan Vedvyas, M.D., is the Director of Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology and collaborated with Florida Skin Center on the design and layout of these specialty suites. He synthesized his Harvard Medical School training, Mohs surgical fellowship and experience as a Mohs surgeon to help Florida Skin Center develop suites that maximize patient comfort.

The suites, which are reserved for patients in the same week as their scheduled consultation, range in size from 132 to 196 square feet. They include all necessary medical equipment and feature reclining chairs for companions, along with a refrigerator with cold beverages, freezer, microwave, and complimentary hot lunch and snack items. Mohs surgical patients, who typically spend two to three hours in these suites, have the option of listening to music or watching their favorite Netflix and Hulu shows on a high-definition television.

"It was my mission to help Florida Skin Center create an environment conducive to pain-free surgery and maximal comfort. Empathy with the patient's experience guides us in our facility and process design, from the art we hang on the walls to the fact that our patients – whom we refer to as our guests – stay in their rooms for the whole procedure," said Dr. Vedvyas. "The result is private suites that raise the standard for the dermatology industry here in Charlotte County and beyond."

The building and all suites within have been newly renovated with a spa-like feel and decorated with high-end finishes throughout, matching the décor of Florida Skin Center's three other Southwest Florida locations. Patients are welcomed to the office with a warm towel and essential oil diffusers.

For more information, call Florida Skin Center's Punta Gorda office at 239-316-4773.

(https://www.yoursun.com/coastal/health/florida-skin-center-opens-mohs-surgical-suites-at-new-punta/article_65a7dcaa-a7c0-11e8-b33a-83e51e500c33.html)