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Fletcher Allen Receives Accreditation for Advanced Skin Cancer Surgery
“MOHS” Procedure Offers High Cure Rate and Minimizes Cosmetic Issues

(Burlington, VT) The College of American Pathologists (CAP) has awarded Fletcher Allen Health Care accreditation of its MOHS surgical lab based on the results of a recent evaluation.

The MOHS surgical procedure (named for its inventor Dr. Frederic Mohs) involves removal of cancerous lesions and surrounding skin in very thin layers that are immediately examined under a microscope for the presence of cancer cells. If cancer is detected, the surgeon removes additional layers until no cancer can be seen. It is considered the most advanced and effective treatment for most types of skin cancers.

“Vermont has some of the highest rates of skin cancer in the country, so it’s important to be able to provide this procedure to our patients, particularly because the cure rate is high and cosmetic problems can be minimized,” said Glenn Goldman, MD, director of Dermatology at Fletcher Allen and a professor at the UVM College of Medicine. “The CAP accreditation reflects the hard work and skill of our surgeons and other highly trained members of our team.”

To earn accreditation from CAP, the Fletcher Allen MOHS lab had to meet stringent standards for staff qualifications, facilities, quality control and safety among other factors.

On a related note, McGraw-Hill has just published a book by Dr. Goldman on “facial flap” surgery which is often used if large openings result from MOHS and other skin cancer procedures. The book provides instruction on a wide range of flap surgeries, some of which have not been addressed before in a publication.

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Multimedia Resources:

Visit [here](#) for an interview with Dr. Goldman on skin cancer in Vermont, MOHS surgery and other treatment options.

A blog about skin cancer by Ted A. James, M.D., FACS, surgical oncologist at Fletcher Allen and Kathryn Schwarzenberger M.D., a dermatologist at Fletcher Allen, who are both also professors at the UVM College of Medicine, is available [here](#).

About Fletcher Allen

Fletcher Allen Health Care, together with our partners at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is Vermont's academic medical center. Fletcher Allen and Central Vermont Medical Center are members of Fletcher Allen Partners, established to develop a more coordinated system of care throughout the region. Fletcher Allen's mission is to improve the health of the people in the communities it serves by integrating patient care, education and research in a caring environment. Fletcher Allen also serves as a regional referral center -- providing advanced care to approximately one million people in Vermont and northern New York - - and as a community hospital for approximately 150,000 residents in Chittenden and Grand Isle counties. For more information about Fletcher Allen, find us online at <http://www.fletcherallen.org> or on our Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and blog sites at www.fletcherallen.org/socialmedia.

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