

# Indications for Mohs

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# ESMS

- Create awareness for Mohs and Micrographic Surgery
- Support Mohs and Micrographic surgeons in Europe and beyond
- Criteria for Mohs surgeons and Mohs Trainers
- Set up a position paper for Mohs indications
- Start with lab technician membership and training

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# Mohs in Europe

- No European Guideline for Mohs surgery
- No standard European Indications for Mohs surgery
- No standard European Fellowship for Mohs training
- No standard European Training for Lab technicians
  
- American College of Mohs Surgery
- American Society of Mohs Surgery

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# Mohs in Europe



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# Challenges to accessing Mohs

- Healthcare systems/cultures
- Cost and reimbursement
- Training
- Multiple micrographic techniques

# Healthcare systems

- Mixture of public and private practice
- Salaried vs fee for service
- Skin cancer not always managed by dermatologists
- Variety of Labor laws



## Cost and reimbursement

- Fresh frozen technique not reimbursed in some countries eg Germany
- Reimbursement falling in all systems

# Recent study on Mohs indications

- Hoorens et al. Br J Dermatol 2016.
- 1062 patients Mohs for BCC in the face 1998-2011 in Gent, Belgium.
- mean of 2 Mohs rounds.
- Strong indicators for Mohs:  $>1$  cm<sup>2</sup>, aggressive subtype
- however:
- $>3$  Mohs rounds for recurrent BCCs, aggressive subtype, located in H-zone
- With Mohs surgery 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup> skin was preserved compared to excision with 3 mm margin.

# Appropriate use criteria

- BCC/SCC
- melanoma in-situ +
- many other tumours
- Cosmetically and functionally important areas
- High risk areas

In UK NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) approval since 2006

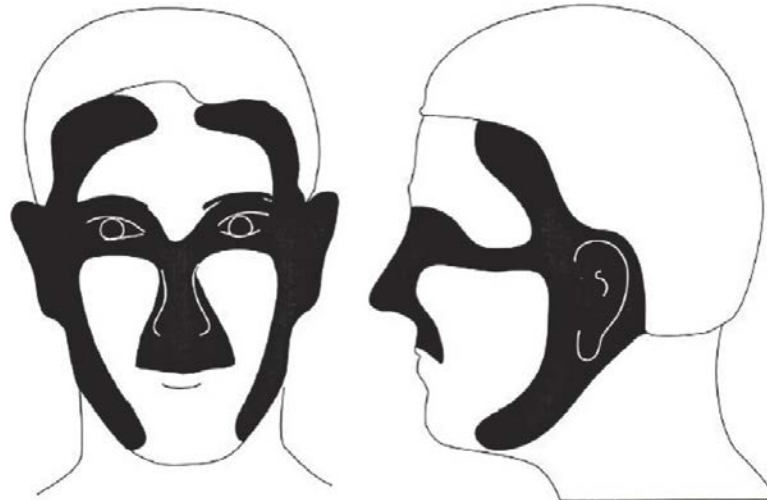
# Appropriate use criteria

- Recurrent or incompletely excised BCC and SCC
- Primary BCC and SCC where the edges of the cancer cannot be clearly defined

## Appropriate use criteria

- BCC and SCC in an area where it is important to preserve healthy tissue for maximum functional and cosmetic result, such as eyelids, nose, ears, lips, genitals, hands, feet
- BCC and SCC that is large (> 2cm in diameter) or growing rapidly

# H-zone



## Appropriate use criteria

- Cancer arising in scars or in sites of previous radiation therapy
- High risk or aggressive types of SCC (e.g. infiltrative histology, poorly differentiated)

## Appropriate use criteria

- Where patient has multiple, small, less aggressive tumours in same surgical area (NBCCS)
- Young patients who may expect to have further skin cancers on the face in future.



# appropriate use criteria

- Most BCC and SCC are clearly defined tumours in low risk sites, and can be dealt with by simple standard excision or other methods



# Mohs surgery AUC

The AAD has developed its first appropriate use criteria (AUC) on Mohs micrographic surgery in collaboration with the following organizations:

- American College of Mohs Surgery
- American Society for Mohs Surgery
- American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association

More than 75 physicians contributed to the development of the Mohs surgery AUC, which were published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* and *Dermatologic Surgery*.

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FROM THE ACADEMY

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**AAD/ACMS/ASDSA/ASMS 2012 appropriate use criteria  
for Mohs micrographic surgery: A report of the  
American Academy of Dermatology, American College  
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**Tumor characteristics**

**Positive margin on recent excision.** Unexpected tumor involvement at lateral and/or deep edges after prior excision presumed to have been definitive.

**Aggressive features (eg, high-risk for recurrence)**

- For BCC:
  - Morpheaform/fibrosing/sclerosing
  - Infiltrating
  - Perineural
  - Metatypical/keratotic
  - Micronodular
- For SCC:
  - Sclerosing
  - Basosquamous (excluding keratotic BCC)
  - Small cell
  - Poorly or undifferentiated (characterized by a high degree of nuclear polymorphism, high mitotic rate, or low degree of keratinization)
  - Perineural/perivascular
  - Spindle cell
  - Pagetoid
  - Infiltrating
  - Keratoacanthoma (KA) type: central facial
  - Single cell
  - Clear cell
  - Lymphoepithelial
  - Sarcomatoid
  - Breslow depth 2 mm or greater
  - Clark level IV or greater

**Table III.** Basal or squamous cell carcinoma

**Primary BCC or SCC regardless of subtype, size, or depth arising in:**

- Prior radiated skin
- Traumatic scar
- Area of osteomyelitis
- Area of chronic inflammation/ulceration
- Patients with genetic syndromes

Indication	Appropriate use score (1-9)		
	Area H	Area M	Area L
74	A (9)	A (9)	A (7)

Appropriate use scores and final ratings for 3 combined BCC or SCC indications. Appropriate indications (A; scores 7-9) are colored green.

Area H: 'Mask areas' of face (central face, eyelids [including inner/outer canthi], eyebrows, nose, lips [cutaneous/mucosal/vermillion], chin, ear and periauricular skin /sulci, temple), genitalia (including perineal and perianal), hands, feet, nail units, ankles, and nipples/areola.

Area M: Cheeks, forehead, scalp, neck, jawline, pretibial surface.

Area L: Trunk and extremities (excluding pretibial surface, hands, feet, nail units and ankles).

BCC, Basal cell carcinoma; SCC, squamous cell carcinoma.

**Table VI.** Ratings category summary for basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, lentigo maligna, and melanoma in situ

AREA H	Appropriate	Uncertain	Inappropriate
<b>BCC</b>	Primary or recurrent: Aggressive Nodular Superficial		
<b>SCC</b>	Primary or recurrent: Aggressive Nonaggressive* Verrucous KA-type SCC† In situ SCC/Bowen		Primary or recurrent: AK with focal SCC in situ
<b>LM and MIS</b>	Primary or recurrent: LM MIS		
AREA M	Appropriate	Uncertain	Inappropriate
<b>BCC</b>	Recurrent or primary: Aggressive Nodular Superficial (IC) Primary: Superficial $\geq 0.6$ cm	Primary: Superficial $\leq 0.5$ cm	
<b>SCC</b>	Primary or recurrent: Aggressive Nonaggressive* KA-type SCC† In situ SCC/Bowen		Primary or recurrent: AK with focal SCC in situ
<b>LM and MIS</b>	Primary or recurrent: LM MIS		
AREA L	Appropriate	Uncertain	Inappropriate
<b>BCC</b>	Recurrent: Aggressive Nodular Primary: Aggressive $\geq 0.6$ cm Nodular $> 2$ cm Nodular (IC) $\geq 1.1$ cm	Primary: Aggressive $\leq 0.5$ cm Nodular 1.1-2 cm Nodular (IC) 0.6-1 cm Superficial (IC) $\geq 1.1$ cm	Recurrent Superficial Primary: Nodular $\leq 1$ cm Nodular (IC) $\leq 0.5$ cm Superficial (IC) $\leq 1$ cm
<b>SCC</b>	Primary or recurrent: Aggressive Recurrent: KA-type SCC† Nonaggressive* Primary $> 2$ cm Nonaggressive* In situ SCC/Bowen Primary $\geq 1.1$ cm Nonaggressive (IC)* KA-type SCC† In situ SCC/Bowen (IC) KA-type SCC (IC) $\geq 0.6$ cm†	Recurrent: SCC in situ/Bowen Primary 1.1-2 cm Nonaggressive* SCC in situ/Bowen Primary $\leq 1$ cm Nonaggressive (IC)* Primary 0.6-1 cm SCC in situ/Bowen (IC) Primary $\leq 0.5$ cm KA-type SCC (IC)†	Primary or recurrent: AK with focal SCC in situ Primary $\leq 1$ cm Nonaggressive* KA-type SCC† SCC in situ/Bowen Primary $\leq 0.5$ cm SCC in situ/Bowen (IC)
<b>LM and MIS</b>	Recurrent: LM MIS	Primary: LM MIS	

Listed indications are for both healthy and IC patients, and tumors of any size unless otherwise specified.

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**“A chance to cut is a chance to check all peripheral margins” (Siegel,2004)**

Thank you

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