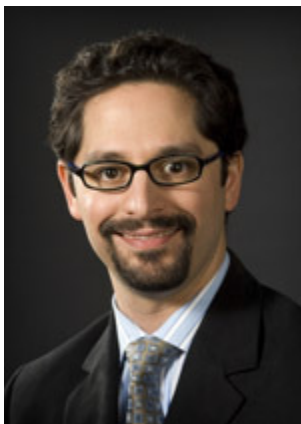


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## North Shore-LIJ Appoints New Director of Dermatological Surgery

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Jeffrey Ellis, MD, FAAD, recently joined North Shore University Hospital and LIJ Medical Center as director of dermatological surgery. Dr. Ellis will be instrumental in helping the North Shore-LIJ Department of Medicine expand its dermatologic services.

Dr. Ellis has extensive experience in the application and complex procedure of Mohs Surgery. Mohs Micrographic Surgery is a state-of-the-art procedure for skin cancer. The procedure offers the highest potential for cure. The procedure is performed by specially trained surgeons who have completed at least one additional year of fellowship training (in addition to a three-year dermatology residency in surgery, pathology and reconstruction) under the tutelage of a Mohs College member. There are fewer than 900 Mohs surgeons currently practicing in this country.

Mohs Micrographic Surgery involves a systematic microscopic search that traces skin cancer down to its roots. Thus, the Mohs procedure offers the highest chance for complete removal of the tumor while sparing the normal tissue surrounding it. Mohs surgery has the highest success rate of all treatments for skin cancer -- up to 99 percent. Mohs is the treatment of choice for cancers of the face and other sensitive areas; it relies on the accuracy of a microscope to trace the edges of the cancer and ensure complete removal of all tumors down to the roots during the initial surgery.

Mohs surgeons are able to precisely identify the tumor, remove it with minimal damage to the surrounding healthy tissue, and reconstruct the wound. Using the Mohs technique, physicians are able to see beyond the visible disease to precisely identify and remove the entire tumor layer by layer, while leaving the surrounding healthy tissue intact and unharmed. As the most exact and precise method of tumor removal, it minimizes the chance of re-growth and lessens the potential for scarring or disfigurement.

Dr. Ellis received his BA degree from the City University of New York's Brooklyn College, and received his MD degree from State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate College of Medicine. Dr. Ellis completed a pediatric internship at Schneider Children's Hospital, followed by his dermatologic residency at SUNY Downstate. Additionally, Dr. Ellis was a procedural dermatology fellow at SUNY Downstate. Dr. Ellis has worked with "Project Renewal," a mobile van that travels over various sections of Manhattan to help the homeless. Dr. Ellis also teaches residents at the VA Medical Center in Brooklyn and at the North Shore-LIJ Health System.

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