



Dermatology *Partners*, Inc.

MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR PATIENTS ON ANTI-COAGULANTS

Date: _____

Dear _____,

We have recently seen your patient _____ DOB: _____
in consultation for skin cancer or benign skin lesions. We propose to treat this by

- ☐ Excision utilizing Mohs technique of microscopic surgery
- ☐ Excision

The entire procedure will be performed under local anesthesia with 1% xylocaine with epinephrine. Hemostasis is maintained with electrocautery. The resulting defect is either closed with sutures in a linear fashion, or using a flap or skin graft. Occasionally, wounds are left to heal by secondary intention.

It may be necessary for the patient to discontinue any aspirin or products containing aspirin one week prior to surgery.

We would also request cessation of Coumadin or Plavix three to four days prior to surgery, if this applies to your patient.

On occasion I am happy to perform the surgery while the patient is on Coumadin alone (aspirin or Plavix might be stopped). I will require an INR level less than 2.6 within a week of surgery.

We would appreciate your opinion as to the patient's ability to tolerate such a procedure and the post-operative plan. Should there be any contraindications or concerns due to an existing medical condition, please feel free to comment. Any other comments that might be helpful in management of this patient would also be appreciated. If you have any questions concerning the procedure we propose, please contact the office. Thank you for your assistance in the care of this patient.

Please address the statements below which apply to the patient named. Please sign the form and return it to our office by fax or mail within 2-3 business days.

Sincerely,

Carin Litani, M.D.