

## COHEN DERMATOPATHOLOGY

*Improving dermatologic care through exceptional service and unsurpassed diagnostic accuracy.*

Since its inception in 1997, Cohen Dermatology has provided superior diagnostic services. Hundreds of physicians (including Dermatologists, Podiatrists, Plastic Surgeons, Ophthalmologists and Urologists) in 10 states send Cohen Dermatology their patients' skin specimens.

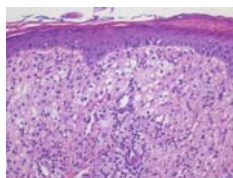
The four Dermatopathologists at Cohen Dermatology are board-certified in Clinical Dermatology as well as Dermatopathology. Therefore, the physicians have a keen ability to render precise diagnoses from examining your skin specimen under the microscope, *and* they understand the outward manifestations of skin disorders and diseases.

Cohen Dermatology forms an important partnership with your doctor to enhance patient care.

Minimizing the patient anxiety that accompanies awaiting biopsy results is of paramount importance. In spite of its continued growth, Cohen Dermatology still finalizes 95% of its cases within 24 hours. Therefore, you, the patient, receive your diagnosis sooner.

### Beyond the Biopsy: What Happens After Your Surgery?

- When skin tissue is removed, it is placed in a small bottle containing formalin, rendering the specimen non-infective.
- The specimen is picked up from the office by a dedicated courier and delivered to the Cohen Dermatology lab.
- A laboratory technologist receives the specimen, records a gross description and places it in a cassette for automated overnight processing.
- The next day, the tissue is manually embedded in a paraffin wax mold. This mold is then sliced into thin strips and placed on a glass slide.
- The slide is stained and covered with a thin glass coverslip to preserve the integrity of the tissue.
- A board-certified Dermatopathologist examines the slide under a microscope. Depending on the examination of the specimen, s/he may request additional special stains of the specimen to highlight certain cellular structures or organisms. *(See below for a sample image of a microscopic view of a skin tissue sample.)*
- The Dermatopathologist renders a diagnosis and the administrative staff transcribes this information into a report.
- The report is delivered to your doctor's office via courier. Most reports are delivered with a 24-48 hour turn-around time. Your doctor provides your diagnosis via telephone or a follow-up visit. Cohen Dermatology cannot disclose results directly to patients.
- The Cohen Dermatology billing staff submits a claim to your insurance company for the service provided by the laboratory.



*The above image depicts a microscopic view of a skin tissue sample.  
The Dermatopathologist looks for cellular abnormalities, in order to deliver a diagnosis.*

