

### **MOHS SURGERY LAB TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION BY THE ESMS**

The European Society of Micrographic Surgery (ESMS) [position document](#) on the use of Mohs micrographic surgery in Europe establishes guidelines for setting up and managing a Mohs surgery lab including details on the techniques required for the procedure.

The ESMS has set up criteria for becoming a **certified Mohs surgery lab technician** in order to recognize that lab technicians performing Mohs surgery using frozen sectioning on fresh tissue have acquired a level of expertise that guarantees high-quality results.

#### ***How to become an ESMS-certified Mohs surgery lab technician:***

Mohs surgery lab technicians in Europe are generally biomedical analysts with experience in cutting frozen sections on fresh tissue for histopathological margin control during surgery. To perform the Mohs surgery lab procedure independently, extensive training is required.

In order to become an ESMS-certified Mohs surgery lab technician, all the following criteria must be met. The Mohs surgery lab technician must:

1. Have performed a minimum of 100 Mohs surgery cases independently.
2. Have at least 6 months experience with the Mohs surgery procedure.
3. Have a recommendation from an ESMS-certified Mohs surgeon.
4. Be a lab technician (LT) member of the ESMS.
5. Be approved by the board of the ESMS.

#### ***How to stay certified:***

ESMS-certified Mohs surgery lab technicians are recommended to carry out a minimum of 150 cases every 5 years and maintain their LT membership within the ESMS.

#### ***How to become an ESMS-certified Trainer of Mohs surgery lab technicians:***

In order to become an ESMS-certified Trainer of Mohs surgery lab technicians, all the following criteria must be met. The ESMS-certified Mohs surgery lab technician must:

1. Perform >100 Mohs surgery cases per year.
2. Have >3 years of experience as a Mohs surgery lab technician.
3. Be a certified LT member of the ESMS.
4. Have a letter of recommendation from an ESMS-certified Mohs surgeon.
5. Be approved by the board of the ESMS.