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## **British Society for Dermatological Surgery (BSDS) Position Statement on Infection Control**

Mohs surgery has been extensively undertaken internationally for many decades including in multiple centres across the UK. The technique is undertaken safely with very low infection rates without the need for ventilation exchange systems or laminar flow which are normally reserved for surgery where anaesthetic gases are used. Mohs surgery is most often undertaken in 'procedure rooms' due to its less invasive nature (normally involving skin and soft tissue), its low infection rate and lack of general anaesthetic use.

Review of the literature reflects the safety of this practice even for very extensive Mohs surgery performed in these procedural settings. Therefore theatre ventilation is not currently substantiated and not standard practice.

**BSDS Executive, May 2016**

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