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## Skin surgery

Skin surgery is routinely performed by dermatologists and plastic surgeons, mostly using [local anaesthesia](#). Types of skin surgery include:

- [Skin biopsy](#) (punch biopsy, shave biopsy, incisional biopsy and excision biopsy)
- [Excision](#) of skin lesions
- [Curettage & cautery](#)
- [Skin grafting](#)
- [Flaps](#)
- [Mohs microscopically controlled excision](#) (for difficult skin cancers)
- [Cryotherapy](#) (liquid nitrogen)

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- [Sentinel node biopsy](#)
- [Suturing techniques](#)
- [Suture materials](#)

#### Other websites:

- [American Society for Dermatologic Surgery](#)
- [P-LINK](#) plastic surgical sites

#### Books about skin diseases:

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