



WACCAMAW DERMATOLOGY

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5-Flourouracil Injection

- 5-Flourouracil is a medication used to treat skin cancers, and it is injected directly into the cancer to destroy it.
- This treatment is a less aggressive alternative to surgery or radiation, but has a lower cure rate in the 60-70% range. If your cancer doesn't disappear with the injection, then we would consider surgery or radiation next.
- After an injection of 5-Flourouracil directly into a skin cancer, you can expect the following:
 - Scabbing and crusting around the lesion
 - Mild discomfort/soreness, which is typically well treated with acetaminophen (Tylenol) or naproxen (Aleve).
- Wound care:
 - You may remove your bandage after 24 hours. Apply a clean bandage daily afterwards if needed.
 - Lightly cleanse the area with a mild cleanser, such as Dove soap or CeraVe cleanser, once daily.
 - Apply Vaseline twice daily to the area until healed.
- Follow up:
 - We will plan a follow up visit to recheck the lesion (typically 2-4 weeks later depending on your particular cancer).
 - It may take 1-3 injections to fully treat the skin cancer.



Pre 5-FU injection



6 weeks post 1st 5FU injection



11 weeks post 5FU (x3 treatments)