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Lesion Photo Clinic Patient Information Leaflet

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Introduction

You have been referred by your GP or Dermatologist for an assessment of your skin lesion. In order for us to ensure you receive the most appropriate care, our Lesion Photo Clinic Practitioner will see you and take templated lesion history along with images of your lesion, so we can further assess it and decide the next steps in your treatment pathway.

Lesion Photo Clinic Practitioners are not doctors; they are trained only to record templated history and take appropriate Lesion Photographs for the Dermatologist to review remotely.

Please note, we **DO NOT** obtain images of the groin or genitalia area.



What happens next

Pre-visit

Please ensure you complete the questionnaire received via post or electronically along with this leaflet before arriving at this clinic. In some instances, this is also completed by Lesion Photo Clinic Practitioner while you are in the clinic directly into your medical records.

Appointment day

On the day of your appointment, a Lesion Photo Clinic Practitioner will then take Lesion history and photographs of your skin. You may be asked to remove make-up or jewellery for a lesion to be photographed. If you would like a chaperone, please ask for one when you arrive.

They usually take two types of photographs; a standard lens photo followed by a photo with a microscopic lens which gives us high quality, close-up images (to show in-depth detail). These are saved in your medical file and will be reviewed by a Consultant Dermatologist (skin specialist) to decide on the most appropriate course of action.

Please note that

- We will only assess the specific lesion that your GP has referred you with.
- You will not have a face-to-face consultation with a doctor or nurse at this appointment.

Please do not ask the Practitioner to take images of skin lesions that the GP has not referred. An accurate assessment of additional lesions cannot be performed without the relevant details from the GP.

What happen after my photographs have been taken?

The consultant may offer you further treatment or appointments once they have reviewed your photograph and questionnaire.

You may be:

- recalled for a biopsy (skin sample) or removal of the skin lesion
- recalled/onward referral for an urgent clinic appointment with a dermatologist (skin doctor)
- recalled for a routine follow-up appointment (usually within 3 months) discharged back to your GP with reassurance that no further treatment or follow up appointment is needed.

Frequently asked questions

Does an urgent follow-up appointment mean I have cancer?
No. We could ask you to come back urgently for a number of reasons. Urgent appointments will generally be seen within a few weeks and so there should not be a long wait.

How will I find out the outcome?
You should be contacted within 4 weeks of your lesion photo clinic appointment. If you have not heard from us after 4 weeks, please contact us on 0207 635 1013 or email dmc.administration@nhs.net.

Will my photographs be stored safely?
Yes. All your data and photographs are kept safely, in accordance with NHS regulations. Your photographs will only be viewed by healthcare professionals involved in your care and will not be shared without your consent.

How do I make a comment about my visit?
We aim to provide the best possible service and staff will be happy to answer any of the questions you may have. If you have any suggestions or comments about your visit, please either speak to a member of staff or contact the Patient Administration Team by email to dmc.feedback@nhs.net

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