

Skin surgery following Teledermatology

Information for patients

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Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formacie, proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.
Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil, vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

如果您需要本传单的其他语言版本或无障碍格式，请联系工作人员为您安排。

إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتنسيق يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

General information

You are booked in for a skin surgery procedure, following your Teledermatology referral review.

This involves removing a sample of skin to be analysed in the laboratory and looked under the microscope. Occasionally, further skin surgery will be required

The Teledermatology outcome is attached to this leaflet. Please read it, so you know the type of skin surgery procedure you will be having.

The types of skin surgery procedure that we usually offer are the following:

Excision biopsy:

The whole lesion is removed, including a surrounding area of normal skin. Dissolvable or fine nylon stitches are used to close the wound.

Punch biopsy:

A small circle of skin is removed, usually the size of a lentil. One or two stitches are used to close the wound.

Curettage and Cautery:

A scoop shaped/round sharp instrument called a curette is used to scrape away the skin lesion. A hot instrument called a cautery or a silver nitrate stick, are used to stop any bleeding. A black scab like a cigarette burn will form on this area.

It is possible that some scarring may occur. Please also refer to the consent form.

You will also find enclosed a pre-operative information booklet and a consent form, for you to sign and bring with you on the day of the procedure. On the day, the doctor or nurse will explain what the procedure involves and talk through potential problems that you may have afterwards. You will have the opportunity to ask questions before the procedure and confirm again, that you understand the information that has been given to you and that you agree to go ahead with the procedure.

In case the written information that has been given to you, is not enough for you to decide whether you would like to go ahead with your minor operation procedure, please contact us on 01744 647056 between 09:30am – 16:00pm, Monday - Friday, and a telephone or face-to-face appointment can be arranged for you.

Please bring a list of medication that you are currently taking when you attend. Also please remind the doctor or nurse of any allergies you may have (including dressings, skin antiseptic solutions, local anaesthetics and rubber gloves), if you are pregnant or if you have any implantable electronic devices like a pacemaker.

Please tell us if you plan to go on holiday soon after your procedure, as there are some activities that should temporarily be avoided (e.g. swimming).

You will receive after care information following the procedure.

Additional information

If you have any concerns please contact us on 01744 647056 between 09:30am – 16:00pm, Monday-Friday. If outside of these hours please leave a message and the team will contact you as soon as possible.