

## Skin photographic clinic

### Patient information leaflet

You have been booked into the skin photographic clinic (Location 58).

This appointment will be in the hospital's photographic department where you will have a photograph(s) of your lesions taken by a trained and registered medical photographer.

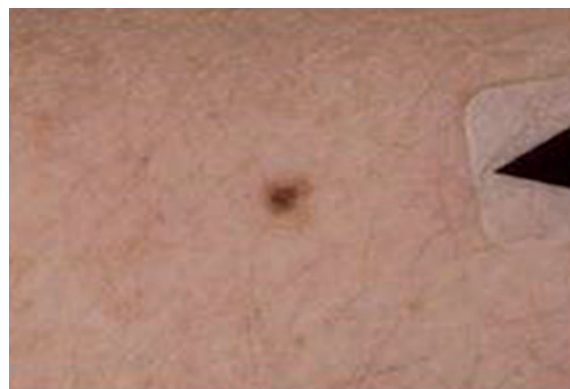
**Please note that the service will only be able to image a maximum of two lesions per patient.**

They will use a dermatoscope which will take microscopic images of your skin lesion(s). This photograph(s) plays a crucial part in helping the plastic surgery consultant decide the most appropriate next step in your treatment plan.

### What to expect

When you come into the photographic department, the photographer will explain the process to you and ask for your consent to be photographed.

You may be asked to remove clothing, jewellery or make up depending on the area of your body that is being photographed. If this is required we have facilities, such as changing rooms, to ensure your privacy is upheld.



If you require a chaperone or a male/female photographer, please inform the receptionist who will be able to support you.

All images taken are digitally and securely stored in your medical records so that only those individuals involved in your care will have access to them.

Once you have had the photograph(s) taken a member of the plastic surgery consultant team will review your images and assess the most appropriate next step for you.

This could include:

- possible face to face outpatient appointment
- discharge back to the care of your General Practitioner (GP)
- a minor operation/procedure
- being added to the waiting list for day surgery.

You will be contacted by a member of the outpatient administrative team at Queen Victoria Hospital regarding the next steps in your treatment plan (which may include booking you in for surgery). In some instances you may also be contacted by a consultant plastic surgeon if they need more information from you before making a decision. You will also be informed of the outcome of this assessment by letter and your GP will receive a copy too.

If you have any queries regarding the photographic appointment, please call the **Oncology Booking Hub** on 01342 414598.

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