

TeleDermoscopy Patient information leaflet

GPs are able to effectively diagnose and treat most skin problems themselves. However on occasion they may wish to refer your skin problem to benefit from a Dermatology specialist opinion. The TeleDermoscopy service utilises modern technology to securely obtain a rapid diagnosis and treatment plan for your skin, in most cases without you having to attend a hospital. This leaflet provides you with further information about the TeleDermoscopy service.

1. TeleDermoscopy is not in any way invasive, nor does it require any special preparation.
2. All patients are required to consent to clinical information and digital images being taken and reviewed by the reporting Dermatologist. The procedure will not be performed if consent is withheld.
3. Patients are entitled to have a family member, or chaperone present when photographs are taken.
4. TeleDermoscopy has a role to play in patient management; however, there may still be the need for subsequent face-to-face consultations or treatment.
5. The person taking the information including images has been specifically trained in TeleDermoscopy referrals.
6. The medical information collected will be reviewed by a UK based, GMC registered Dermatologist within the TeleDermoscopy Service.
7. The clinical report following the TeleDermoscopy referral will be issued to the referring GP within 72 hours.
8. All reports from the Dermatologist will be sent to the referrer detailing the clinical impression of the referral and any advice about continued management of the patient's condition or advice on the most appropriate hospital referral.
9. Where there is a recommendation for onward referral your GP will be advised and will initiate an appropriate onward referral for you.
10. Where an urgent referral (two week wait) is indicated the TeleDermoscopy service will initiate this referral and your GP will be contacted within 1 working day to advise you of this.