

## Dermatology Health Professionals Information

### Skin Cancer Referrals

From the 1st July 2010 the Dermatology Service commence assessment and treatment of suspicious skin lesions.

The Dermatology service is formally accredited to provide a full skin cancer service to the patients of Warrington. The service includes assessment, diagnosis, dermatological surgery and discussion with other health care professionals to determine the best treatment plan for individual patients diagnosed with skin cancer.

The fax number for Skin Cancer referrals is 01925 251599.

Please ensure your patients are informed they will be offered an appointment at Health Services at Wolves within 2 weeks. GPs should inform patients that there is a requirement for them to be assessed urgently by the dermatology service and the patient should be prepared to attend at short notice. Patients must be ready and able to attend the appointment offered to them.

The skin cancer service operates a local skin cancer Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meeting which will run every two weeks. The MDT discussions are supported with Oncology input via video link to Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology. The MDT discusses:

- All patients with SCCs or high-risk BCCs that involve the excision margins or are recurrent
- All patients with MM – primary, recurrent and metastatic
- Patients suitable for Mohs surgery
- Patients with skin lesions of uncertain but possible malignant nature
- Cases for nodal dissection including sentinel node biopsy (SNB)
- Immuno-compromised patients with skin cancers and patients who have Gorlin's syndrome or other genetic conditions in which predisposition occurs
- Patients with rare skin cancers including lymphoma
- Patients for whom there is a discrepancy between the clinical diagnosis and histopathology report

Onward referral to the regional Specialist Skin MDT at Whiston will be made by the Local MDT where applicable.