

## **Dermatology - Links & Resources**

### **British Association of Dermatologists**

*The British Association of Dermatologists is the professional organisation for Trainee, Consultant and Non-Consultant Career Grade (NCCG) dermatologists in the UK and Eire.*

*Established in 1920, it is a registered charity providing support to Dermatology health professionals and public information.*

*Information can be found on the skin and how it works as well as skin diseases. This information is prepared by UK dermatologists. The website provides access to Patient Information Leaflets, prepared by UK dermatologists, giving help on understanding more about various skin conditions (what they are, what cause them, what can be done about them, and where you can find out more information). There are many Support Groups listed on the site for people with skin disorders where you can find information and an understanding ear about the problems faced by people with skin problems.*

Contact:

British Association of Dermatologists  
Willan House  
4 Fitzroy Square  
London  
W1T 5HQ

Tel: 0207-383-0266  
Fax: 0207-388-5263  
Email: [admin@bad.org.uk](mailto:admin@bad.org.uk)  
Web: [www.bad.org.uk](http://www.bad.org.uk)

### **Bullous Pemphigoid Support Group**

17 Barley Mount, Redhills,  
Exeter  
EX4 1RP  
Tel: (01392) 431 362

### **Cancer Research UK**

PO Box 123  
London  
WC2A 3PX  
Tel: 0207 242 0200  
Web: [www.cancerresearch.org](http://www.cancerresearch.org) & [www.cancerhelp.org.uk](http://www.cancerhelp.org.uk)

## **Changing Faces**

*Changing Faces is a National organisation which seeks a better future for children and adults who have disfigurements. Changing Faces supports and represents people with disfigurements by:*

- Helping to build their self-esteem and self-confidence
- Ensuring effective support and rehabilitation
- Ensuring equal opportunities and fair treatment

Contact:

Changing Faces

Changing Faces Centre  
33-37 University Street  
London WC1E 6JN  
Tel: (0845) 4500 275  
Fax: (0845) 4500 276  
Email: [info@changingfaces.org.uk](mailto:info@changingfaces.org.uk)  
Web: [www.changingfaces.org.uk](http://www.changingfaces.org.uk)

## **Hairline International**

*Hairline International - The Alopecia Patients' Society is an international network of patients who have lost, or are losing, their hair through scalp disease or thinning conditions. The society provides information on medical treatment, mutual support and practical help. It is the only national alopecia patients' support group.*

Contact:

Hairline International - The Alopecia Patients' Society  
Lyons Court  
1668 High Street  
Knowle  
West Midlands B93 0LY  
Tel: (01564) 785 980  
Tel/Fax: (01564) 782270  
Web: [www.hairlineinternational.com](http://www.hairlineinternational.com)

## **The Herpes Viruses Association**

*A registered charity, the Herpes Viruses Association provides information to members of the public, press and professionals on facial and genital herpes simplex and on shingles; publishes leaflets, a quarterly journal, arranges workshops, self-help meetings, provides 24 hour helpline service and one-to-one counselling. Send SAE for information about the services provided.*

Contact:

Herpes Viruses Association  
41 North Road  
London N7 9DP  
Tel: (020) 7607 9661 (for professional calls)  
Helpline: (020) 7609 9061 (for advice and information to public)  
Web: [www.herpes.org.uk](http://www.herpes.org.uk)

## **Ichthyosis Support Group**

*The Ichthyosis Support Group (ISG) was founded in March 1997 by a group of determined individuals who either suffer from Ichthyosis themselves, or who care for children who suffer with it.*

*The groups main aims, are to raise awareness of this debilitating skin condition, as well as to create a positive, supportive network of parents, families and health care professionals, in order to share ideas, experiences and give emotional support.*

Contact:

Ichthyosis Support Group  
P. O. Box 7913  
Reading  
RG6 4ZQ  
Tel: 0845 602 9202  
General Email: [ISG@ichthyosis.org.uk](mailto:ISG@ichthyosis.org.uk)  
Web: [www.ichthyosis.org.uk](http://www.ichthyosis.org.uk)

## **National Eczema Society**

*The National Eczema Society exists to eliminate the effects of eczema. It seeks to achieve this by:*

- providing information, advice and support to people with eczema and those who care for them both locally and nationally;
- managing programmes of patient-focused training courses for GPs, nurses and pharmacists (full information from Kath Humphreys, 01925 766877);
- encouraging and supporting research into the causes, effects and treatment of eczema;
- Provides facilities to the Skin Care Campaign

Contact:

National Eczema Society  
Hill House  
Highgate Hill  
London N19 5NA  
Tel: (020) 7281 3553  
Fax: (020) 7281 6395  
Helpline: 0800 089 1122  
Email: [helpline@eczema.org](mailto:helpline@eczema.org) & [info@eczema.org](mailto:info@eczema.org)  
Web: [www.eczema.org](http://www.eczema.org)

## **National Lichen Sclerosus Support Group**

NLSSG  
P O Box 5830  
Lyme Regis  
Dorset  
DT7 3ZU  
Helpline: 07765 947 599 (from 10-12am only)  
Email: [admin@lichensclerosus.org](mailto:admin@lichensclerosus.org)  
Website: [www.lichensclerosus.org](http://www.lichensclerosus.org)

## **Neurofibromatosis Association**

*Founded in 1981, the aims of the Association are:*

- to help not only those with Neurofibromatosis but also their families through the employment of a nationwide network of professional Neurofibromatosis Co-ordinators (NCO's). These NCO's are based mainly in Genetics Departments of major hospitals and are able to provide expert advice and support for people with both Nf1 and Nf2;
- to help improve clinical care for patients with Nf;
- to encourage the establishment of mutual support groups throughout the country to help counter the feeling of isolation felt by many people affected by Nf;
- to provide accurate and up to date information not only to the patients themselves but also to medical professionals, healthcare workers, teachers and others concerned in the care of those affected;
- to fund research.

Contact:

The Neurofibromatosis Association  
Quayside House  
38 High Street  
Kingston upon Thames  
Surrey KT1 1HL  
Tel: (020) 8439 1234  
Fax: (020) 8439 1200  
Email: [nfa@zetnet.co.uk](mailto:nfa@zetnet.co.uk)  
Web: [www.nfauk.org](http://www.nfauk.org)

## **Pemphigus Vulgaris Network**

*The Pemphigus Vulgaris Network provides a forum in this country for people living with PV and those personally or professionally concerned with it.*

Contact:

The Pemphigus Vulgaris Network  
Flat 26 C  
St Germans Road  
London SE23 1RJ Please enclosed SAE as group has no funding  
Tel: (020) 8690 6462  
Website: [www.pemphigus.org.uk](http://www.pemphigus.org.uk)

## **Psoriasis Association**

*The aim of the Psoriasis Association is to help people with psoriasis by providing up to-date information on all aspects of the condition and promoting self-help and mutual support through its members. It is the main source of information on all aspects of psoriasis in the UK. The Association works nationally to raise standards of patient care and improve education about psoriasis with both the public and all the healthcare professions.*

Contact:

The Psoriasis Association  
Dick Coles House  
2 Queensbridge  
Northampton  
NN4 7BF  
Tel: (01604) 251620  
Fax: (01604) 251621  
Helpline 08456 760076

Email: [mail@psoriasis-association.org.uk](mailto:mail@psoriasis-association.org.uk)

Website: [www.psoriasis-association.org.uk](http://www.psoriasis-association.org.uk)

## **Skin Camouflage Network**

*In 1994, a number of therapists, working within the NHS, shared the view that to raise standards of patient care and increase awareness of the facilities for skin camouflage amongst members of the medical profession, they should form an association. This became SCN, and today we have members throughout the country. The association has succeeded in establishing a directory of professionally qualified members from medical, beauty therapy, Red Cross and academic backgrounds whose services- available both through the NHS and privately - are becoming more familiar and therefore capable of referral, to an ever- increasing number of GP's and Dermatology and Plastic Surgery specialists.*

*SCN membership is open to all practitioners and offers study days, news journals, support and guidance from colleagues.*

*Objectives:*

1. To establish a body to which all skin camouflage practitioners could belong, and through which knowledge and expertise could be networked and shared
2. To develop a directory of professional, qualified camouflage therapist
3. To raise awareness amongst the medical profession, pharmacists and patients as to the availability of skin camouflage
4. To raise and maintain professional standards through improved educational facilities, study days and seminars.

5. To provide a professional news journal, enabling members to keep abreast of current issues.
6. To form links with all support groups thereby assisting patients who require additional help.
7. ... and so to improve the facilities available to patients

Contact:

SCN  
PO Box 276  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
NE3 4XR  
Helpline tel: 07851 073 795

Email: [enquires@skincamouflagenetwork.org.uk](mailto:enquires@skincamouflagenetwork.org.uk)  
Web: [www.skincamouflagenetwork.co.uk](http://www.skincamouflagenetwork.co.uk)

### **Vitiligo Society**

*The Society is a registered charity which aims to:*

- Offer support and understanding to people with Vitiligo and to their families
- To offer advice on how to cope with the condition
- To promote research with the objectives of establishing the causes of Vitiligo and finding safe and effective treatments
- To campaign for a better understanding of Vitiligo among the medical profession and the general public
- To gather and distribute information about Vitiligo

Contact:

The Vitiligo Society  
125 Kennington Road  
London SE11 6SF  
Tel: (020) 7840 0855  
Freephone: (0800) 018 2631  
Fax: (020) 7840 0866  
Email: [Ken125@vitigosociety.org.uk](mailto:Ken125@vitigosociety.org.uk)  
Web: [www.vitigosociety.org.uk](http://www.vitigosociety.org.uk)