

EMERGENCY

Contact the on-call Dermatology Team by phoning (0131) 536 1000 and asking for them to be contacted.

- Suspected acute dermatological emergencies in adults and children:
 - acute erythroderma (>90% skin affected)
 - acute generalised pustular reactions
 - acute desquamating and blistering reactions
 - acute severe drug reactions with systemic symptoms
 - acute small vessel vasculitis
 - suspected eczema herpeticum
- Patients whose chronic skin complaint has deteriorated severely enough to reach crisis point to merit discussion as to whether an emergency review is appropriate
- Bleeding patients following dermatological surgery when unable to control using conservative measures

Advice Only

SCI - Gateway Advice only:

- This service is currently suspended with the **EXCEPTION** of referrals to the COVID Vaccine Allergy service.
- It is hoped that it will be up & running again in the near future.

Urgent Suspicion of Cancer (SPL)

- Suspected melanomas and suspicious naevi (moles)

Urgent

- Acne fulminans (severe acne with systemic upset)
- Acute drug eruptions
- Head and Neck BCC
- Severe eczema or severe psoriasis
- Suspected Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)
- Worsening inflammatory rashes

Routine

- Acne
- Alopecia
- Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)
- Bowens disease
- Contact dermatitis
- Eczema - Atopic
- Eczema - Hand & Foot
- Hyperhidrosis
- Nail Dystrophy
- Pruritus
- Psoriasis
- Rosacea
- Solar (actinic)
- keratosis not responding to treatment as per guidance
- Urticaria

What not to refer

- Benign lesions:
 - Skin Tags, Seborrheic keratoses, Benign Naevi (moles), Dermatofibroma, Lipoma, Epidermal (sebaceous) cyst, Spider haemangioma, Xanthelasma
 - unless** there is diagnostic uncertainty or they are not responding to appropriate treatment as per relevant Refhelp page. Please do not refer lesions that are known to be benign to the dermatology department for cryotherapy
- Molluscum contagiosum
- Scabies
- Warts
- Urticaria for allergy testing
- Non-dermatological problems for allergy testing
- Hirsutism for hair removal

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