**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**

**Suspected melanomas and suspicious naevi (moles)**

**Acne fulminans (severe acne with systemic upset)**
- Severe eczema or severe psoriasis
- Suspected Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)
- Worsening inflammatory rashes

**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

**Benign lesions:**
- Skin Tags, Seborrhoeic 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.

**What not to refer**
- Molluscum contagiosum
- Scabies
- Warts
- Urticaria for allergy testing
- Non-dermatological problems for allergy testing
- Hirsutism for hair removal

**EMERGENCY**

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

**Routine**

**ADVICE ONLY**

This service is intended to offer consultant-led advice on clinical problems that may not need to be referred if simple advice or tips would suffice.

The consultant has the option to put the patient on the relevant waiting list if it is felt an appointment is still necessary.

Please do not use the Advice service for appointment queries – please contact the Dermatology Administration team at Laur.Dermatology@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

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