

Swimming and physical activity can be taken up with caution after the stitches have been removed.

Your Consultant will either write to you with the results, or you will receive a phone call to attend clinic for the results to be explained in more detail. **If you receive a phone call to attend clinic for your results, you may wish to bring someone with you.**

IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD FROM US WITHIN SIX WEEKS OF YOUR PROCEDURE, PLEASE PHONE THE DERMATOLOGY SECRETARIES
Tel 01244 366593/362158.

If you have any concerns with your wound please contact your GP/Practice Nurse.

For general enquiries please contact Dermatology secretaries on:
Tel: 01244 366593/362158

Contact details of Skin Cancer CNS:
Tel: 01244 363618

If your case is discussed at our Local Skin Cancer Multidisciplinary Team meeting (LSMDT), these are the members that will be present:

- Histopathologist
- Consultant Dermatologist
- Consultant Plastic surgeon
- Skin Cancer Specialist Nurse
- Cancer Tracker
- Clinical Oncologist

If you require a special edition of this leaflet

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Telephone: 01244 366066 or
email: coch.patientexperience@nhs.net

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若是你索取這份傳單的中文譯本，請聯絡「病人預約中心」或向其中一名職員查詢。

Si vous voulez cette brochure en français, contactez le bureau des rendez-vous ou demandez à un membre du personnel.

यदि आप यह परचा हिन्दी में लेना चाहते हैं तो कृपया पेशेंट ऑफाइटमेंट सेन्टर से संपर्क करें या किसी स्टाफ से पूछें।

Haddii aad jeclaan laheyd buug-yarahan oo af-Soomaali ku qoran la soo xiriir xarunta bukaan ballaminta ama wax weydii xubin shaqaalaha ka tirsan.

Si desea recibir este folleto en español, sírvase contactar al Centro de Citas para Pacientes o solicitarlo al personal.

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**Patient information for
minor procedures clinic**
Dermatology outpatients
department





Your Doctor has advised you that a minor operation is required for your skin problem to either verify the diagnosis or to treat the condition.

Our minor operation room is located in Outpatients 1 where you had your dermatology appointment. If you are unable to keep this appointment, please inform us as soon as possible so that we can offer the space to another patient; to do this, please ring Dermatology Secretary on:

Tel: 01244 366593/362158

Any operation will leave a permanent mark or scar on the skin but we try and make the scar as neat and unnoticeable as possible.

Before my operation what do I need to know?

You can eat and drink as normal.

Continue to take your regular medication as prescribed by your Doctor unless you are advised otherwise. Please inform your dermatologist if you have a pacemaker **or any other implanted devices in your heart.**

We also need to know if you are on a medicine which makes your blood take longer to clot such as warfarin, apixaban, dabigatran, edoxaban,

rivaroxaban, aspirin, clopidogrel or any other medication which may cause bleeding. If you are on warfarin your INR levels needs to be checked a few days prior to the surgery, your Consultant will explain to you how to get this checked. **Please try to avoid smoking and vaping at least two weeks prior to and after your operation as this may negatively affect wound healing.**

What will happen on the day?

The minor operation will take approximately 15-30 minutes. The area of concern will be biopsied or removed and the skin will be stitched. Before the procedure, your skin will be numbed with an injection of local anaesthetic. It should only cause minimal discomfort.

You should be able to take public transport or drive home, although you might want to bring somebody with you in case you feel unsteady after your operation. The local anaesthetic will wear off after a few hours - if you experience any discomfort a simple pain killer such as paracetamol can be taken regularly for 1-2 days to help relieve symptoms.

What will happen after my surgery?

The sample of skin will be sent off to the pathologist to look at under the microscope for a definitive diagnosis. The stitches need to be removed in 7-14 days time either at your local GP surgery or at a dedicated dressing clinic. Advice will be given on how to care for your wound after the procedure has taken place.