



Skin cancer team

A patient's guide



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Further information

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Multidisciplinary team

We are a multidisciplinary team (MDT) with expertise in skin cancer. An MDT is a group of doctors and other healthcare professionals who work together to discuss and manage an individual patient's care. Together we plan the treatment that's best for you.

Skin MDT

Our team includes:

- a surgeon
- a radiologist (a specialist in x-rays and related scans)
- a histopathologist (a doctor who makes diagnosis from tissue samples)
- oncologists (doctors specialised in chemotherapy and radiotherapy)
- a palliative care doctor (a specialist in easing or relieving the symptoms of cancer)
- a clinical nurse specialist
- MDT coordinator

How our team works

When our MDT meets, we consider all of your scan and test results since your cancer diagnosis.

This helps us to plan the treatment that is most effective for you, taking into account your age, general health, the cancer stage (its size and whether it has spread) and its grade (which indicates how quickly it may grow or develop).

We also ensure your psychological and social needs are considered and your care is coordinated in an efficient and timely manner.

Cancers we treat

Our MDT diagnoses and treats:

- Basal cell carcinoma
- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Melanoma

Lymph node biopsies

Patients who are diagnosed with melanoma may be offered a lymph node biopsy. These take place at the Royal Free Hospital.

Treatment options

Depending on an individual patient's circumstances, the types of treatment that we offer include:

- Minor and complex at The Whittington Hospital
- Sentinel lymph node biopsies and complex surgery at the Royal Free Hospital
- Micrographic (Moh's) surgery at the Royal Free Hospital or University College London Hospital (UCLH)
- Radiotherapy at UCLH
- Chemotherapy at UCLH
- Photodynamic therapy at The Whittington Hospital

If you are offered a choice of treatments making a decision can be difficult. Carefully consider all of your options and make sure you have enough information about what the treatments involve and any side effects.

Feel free to discuss your options with any member of our MDT.

Key worker

If you would like to discuss any decisions made by our MDT please contact your key worker on 020 7288 5062 or 07827 662065.

Please see the key worker leaflet for further information.