

Suspected Skin Cancer 2ww fast track

All referral forms should include prompts for the referring GP to cover the following points with the patient prior to the referral, ideally in the form of tick boxes which require confirmation of discussion with the patient before the referral can be processed:

- Has it been explained to the patient that this referral is for investigations that could lead to a cancer diagnosis?
- Have you checked that the patient will be available in the next 14 days to attend an appointment?
- Have you provided the patient with further information about the appointment (a leaflet is recommended)
- Check patient's contact details are up to date

Referral Criteria

Refer if suspicious pigmented skin lesions with a weighted 7-point checklist score of 3 or more:

- **Major features of the lesion scoring 2 points each:**
 - Change in size
 - Irregular shape
 - Irregular colour
- **Minor features of the lesion scoring 1 point each:**
 - Largest diameter 7mm or more
 - Oozing/crusting
 - Inflammatory response
 - Change in sensation

Refer for a pigmented or non-pigmented skin lesion that suggests nodular melanoma

- Please detail your suspicion of nodular melanoma
- Has a dermoscopy suggested melanoma of the skin?

Indicate which suspected malignancy the patient is being referred for:

- *Suspected Melanoma*
- *Suspected Squamous cell Carcinoma*
 - *Crusting/non-healing lesion*
 - *Subcutaneous component*
 - *Documented expansion*

Location: Lower leg / back / face / scalp / back of hand / ears / other (please specify)

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