

## **Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery - Patient Information**

### **About this service**

Dr Waly provides full skin examinations supported by dermoscopy, biopsy, surgical excision of skin cancers, and cryotherapy where appropriate. Complex cases are referred to a dermatologist or plastic surgeon.

### **Before your skin check**

- Bring a list of any lesions of concern.
- Note any personal or family history of skin cancer.
- Wear clothing that allows easy examination of all areas of skin.
- A chaperone is available on request.

### **What to expect**

1. Discussion of history, sun exposure, and your concerns.
2. Structured skin examination supported by dermoscopy.
3. Written plan if any lesion needs further attention - monitoring, biopsy, excision, or referral.
4. Cost and procedure information before any procedure is agreed.

### **About biopsy and excision**

- Most procedures are performed in the clinic under local anaesthetic.
- Risks include bleeding, bruising, infection, scarring, nerve injury, and possible incomplete excision. Risks are discussed in detail before any procedure, and written informed consent is obtained.
- Histopathology results are typically available in one to two weeks. You will be contacted regardless of the result.

### **Important information**

- Not every skin lesion requires biopsy or removal.
- Standard consultation and procedure fees apply. Medicare rebates apply where eligible under the relevant MBS items.
- Lesions on cosmetically sensitive sites or requiring wider margins may be referred to an appropriately qualified colleague.

### **When to seek earlier review**

If a lesion is new, changing, painful, bleeding, or rapidly growing, please contact reception for an earlier appointment. In a medical emergency call 000.

### **More information**

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