

## The Jephson Dermatology Centre – Elliptical Surgery

### Introduction

#### Surgical Procedure

You have been referred to have a skin lesion removed. You will be asked several questions before the procedure including your medication history. You will be given instructions if you are on warfarin.

The doctor or nurse performing the surgery will either confirm or ask for your written consent. You should only give this if you have completely understood the procedure. The doctor or nurse will be happy to repeat the information and to answer any questions.

Local anaesthetic by injection will be given to numb the skin where the lesion is to be removed. It may be necessary to stitch the skin afterwards to help speed up the healing process. A dressing will be applied to the wound.

The lesion will be removed by cutting the skin. The skin sample will be sent to the appropriate laboratory where it will be examined.

Occasionally the site may ooze afterwards. Please press firmly with clean tissue for 10 minutes and the bleeding should stop.

Should you experience any of these side effects please contact your GP nurse or the Dermatology Department using the details on the back of this information leaflet.

### Guidance for Patients

#### Risks and Precautions

You will be left with a scar. This is usually 2-3 times as long as the original lesion. The scar will initially be red in colour but will fade to white with time.

In the chest area there is a slightly increased risk of developing a thick and raised (keloid) scar which may need additional treatment.

#### Caring for Your Wound

There is a small risk that the wound may become infected. However, to minimize this risk we ask that you keep the wound site dry. Remove dressing in.....day(s) and clean with water. A letter will be given to you to contact your GP surgery asking the practice to remove your stitches in.....day(s). Do take pain relief e.g. Paracetamol if you experience discomfort.

Any additional information.....  
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## Important Points to Remember

If the wound becomes painful, red, inflamed or is weeping, please contact your GP or practice nurse as soon as possible as this can be the clinical signs for infection.

## Appointments

The histology report will be reviewed by the Dermatologist and a copy of the report is sent to your GP. Should the Dermatologist need to see you back in clinic an appointment will be sent to you. **If you have not heard from us after 6 weeks of your surgery, then please contact the Dermatology Secretaries.**

## Your Comments about the Dermatology Service

We continually review the service to meet your needs and therefore welcome your views. If you wish to comment on any aspect of your care, including your treatment and the information given to you via this leaflet, please write to the Clinical Nurse Specialist (address on the back page).

Patients are occasionally asked to complete a questionnaire so that their views of the service can be assessed.

## What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

Please contact our call centre on 01926 600036

In emergencies, please contact NHS 111 for advice.

## Contact Us

The Jephson Dermatology Centre  
Warwick Hospital  
Lakin Road  
Warwick CV34 5BW

Tel: 01926 495321

Treatment Unit: Ext 4793  
Monday–Friday 8.00am-4.30pm

or

Dermatology Secretaries  
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Ext 8033/4247/4569/4100/4969/4425/8634  
Team Assistant: Ext 8121  
(Monday-Friday 8.00am-5.00pm)  
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