

## What is Minor Skin-Surgery?

If you have a skin lesion that needs to be removed to treat a health condition, such as skin cancer, it will be carried out on the NHS.

If the lesion is in a place where it is causing pain or is likely to get damaged it may also be removed on the NHS to avoid irritating it or causing further harm.

**However, if you want a skin lesion such as a mole, cyst, lipoma or skin tag removed for cosmetic reasons, your GP or dermatologist may suggest that you get it removed privately.**

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Clinical Options partners with local General Practitioners, operating from their own practices, to provide a high-quality private service for the removal of skin lesions. Our clinicians are all qualified doctors with specific expertise and years of experience in minor surgery.

All clinics providing this service are registered with the Care Quality Commission.

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## Minor Skin-Surgery Service

# Removal of moles, cysts, lipomas, skin tags & other skin lesions

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Calls are charged at the standard national rate

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**Surgery to remove a skin lesion is a specialist procedure that typically takes 30 minutes comprising a one-stop appointment including a consultation and lesion removal.**

**The doctor will remove as many lesions during the appointment as is deemed safe and appropriate in the time available. This will depend, amongst other things, on their type, size and location.**

#### **Our service provides peace of mind:**

- Trusted, qualified doctors, highly experienced in minor surgery.
- Safe, regulated and approved premises.
- Affordable, fixed, transparent, all-inclusive pricing.

#### **All-inclusive appointment fee:**

- Treatment completed in a single appointment\*, including consultation, surgical procedure and laboratory assessment of lesions (where appropriate).
- The fee is payable at time of booking. If you or the doctor decide not to go ahead with the procedure, you will be refunded the surgical fee, paying only for the consultation\*\*.
- We offer a reduced fee for certain confirmed skin tags.
- Please see our website for up-to-date pricing and our Terms and Conditions.

\* occasionally a follow-up appointment may be required to complete your treatment (including after cryotherapy treatment).

\*\* an admin fee will also apply

## What happens next?

### **Before your appointment:**

We will take information on your lesion(s), find a convenient appointment time and follow up with confirmation details.

### **During the appointment:**

#### **The Consultation:**

Your appointment includes a consultation with the doctor followed by the procedure. During the consultation, the doctor will discuss your general health and current medication. The doctor will then explain the procedure, discuss the likelihood of recurrence or scarring and how to prevent infection. When you are certain that you wish to go ahead with the lesion removal, you will be asked to sign a consent form.

#### **The Procedure:**

You will be awake throughout your operation and usually can ask questions while it is taking place. You will feel an initial sting from the local anaesthetic injection and the anaesthetic will wear off after a few hours.

Doctors use a variety of techniques to remove skin lesions including incision, excision, cryotherapy and cautery. The removal of a skin lesion sometimes involves stitches. The doctor will advise you when to make an appointment for the removal of any stitches.

## After your appointment?

Although it is unlikely that your lesion represents a danger to your health, it may be sent for laboratory examination. We will let you know the result as soon as we receive it. We may also request feedback so that we can identify any opportunities to improve our service.

### **Possible outcomes of the procedure:**

Generally, the larger a lesion is, the harder it is to remove. There may be a scar once the wound has healed; the degree of scarring depends on your age, the size, location and type of lesion and the removal method. Any lesions on the face are treated very carefully to ensure scarring is kept to a minimum. Most scars will be pale but occasionally they can become pigmented or darkened. Scars will usually fade but can persist.

There is a small risk that the lesion may return after treatment. This can occur with any lesion but is most common with epidermal or sebaceous cysts, lipomas, warts and skin tags. This will be discussed during the consultation.

There is a low risk of post-operative infection for this type of surgery. You will be given advice about post-operative wound care.

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