

## Skin 2 Week Wait Referral Criteria

### Referral Criteria

The criteria are compliant with 2015 NICE guidelines for referring those with suspected cancer and not a substitute for your own clinical judgement or taking specialist professional advice as appropriate.

**Urgent referrals criteria (tick category) – ALL referrals must be accompanied by up to date (strictly within last 28 days) U+E, FBC to allow timely onward investigation.**

### Suspected Malignant Melanoma

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**

### Suspected Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Refer if rapidly growing non-healing lesion. Lesion may be tender, indurated, crusted, ulcerated, scaly or bleeding.

## **Suspected Basal Cell Carcinoma**

Refer these lesions ***via non 2WW pathway*** unless concern about size and site having detrimental effect on outcome if not dealt with urgently. For practices piloting the teledermatology service please trial this route for a rapid response and possible direct booking to a minor surgery clinic.

Information to be included specific to this referral:

**Location:** Lower leg / back / face / scalp / back of hands / ears / other  
(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Duration** of lesion and change  
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**Previous history of skin and other cancers, immune compromise.**