

Referrals currently accepted by the GPECs Dermatology Service:

- Acne
- Non-specific rashes
- Eczema - Children and Adults
- Psoriasis
- Actinic Keratosis

Referrals unable to be accepted by the GPECs Dermatology Service:

Pigmented Lesions

Any undiagnosed lesion which is suspicious should be referred via Photo-triage or other red flag pathway.

Seborrhoeic Keratosis

The service is not funded to treat these benign lesions unless they meet Effective Use of Resources Criteria – see attached.

Skin Tags

Unless they meet EUR criteria

Warts and Verrucae

Unless they meet EUR criteria

Requesting Roaccutane Therapy

Please note that the service cannot prescribe Roaccutane nor has quicker access to Roaccutane. If you feel your patient is at the stage where they need roaccutane please refer to the Trust Dermatology OPD. These referrals are often picked up more quickly by ICATS nurses.

Referral for Cryotherapy to already diagnosed lesion

We are unable to accept these referrals for cryotherapy as we are not funded to provide this service.

Referral for excision of lesion with no diagnostic uncertainty

This is a medical dermatology service, surgical excision can be referred to PCSS in Northern and Western areas or Trust surgical OPD in other areas.

Effective Use of Resources Criteria

Treatment will not be offered only to improve appearance.

- The lesion is repeatedly infected and each episode requires and responds to antibiotics (2 or more episodes in the last year for oral treatment, 1 or more episode in the last year for intravenous treatment).
- The lesion is unavoidably and significantly traumatised on a regular basis with evidence of this.
- The lesion is obstructing an orifice or impairing field of vision or causing significant ocular irritation.
- The lesion significantly impacts on function.
- The lesion causes pressure symptoms.
- If left untreated a more invasive intervention would be required for removal.