We wish to remind you that we no longer accept referrals for the following conditions, unless there is diagnostic doubt:

Skin tags

Seborrhoeic warts

Benign naevi – request for removal for cosmetic purposes

Spider angioma

Xanthelasma

Dermatofibroma

Viral warts (except those present >2yrs despite treatment and in immunosuppressed)

Molluscum contagiosum (unless very extensive/painful and inflamed or in immunosuppressed)

This is in line with NHS Scotland’s Aesthetic Exceptional Referral Protocol [www.sehd.**scot**.**nhs**.uk/mels/CEL2011\_27.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/mels/CEL2011_27.pdf)

and the 18 week Dermatology Referral to Treatment guidelines, which have recently been updated.

We can also confirm that our colleagues in plastic surgery, maxillofacial surgery, ENT and ophthalmology will not accept these referrals either, unless causing functional difficulty. Please direct epidermal cysts and lipomata directly to the surgeons.

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