

2 Week Rule Referral Guidelines - Skin

Urgent referral (2 week-rule)

Melanoma

- A lesion suspected to be melanoma. (Excision in primary care should be avoided.)

Squamous cell carcinomas

- Non-healing keratinizing or crusted tumours larger than 1cm with significant induration on palpation. They are commonly found on the face, scalp or back of the hand with a documented expansion over 8 weeks
- New or growing cutaneous lesions in patients who have had an organ transplant and or are on immunosuppressive therapy.
- Histological diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma

Non-urgent referral

Basic cell carcinomas

- Basic cell carcinomas are slow growing, usually without significant expansion over 2 months, and usually occur on the face. If basal cell carcinoma is suspected, refer non-urgently.