



Minor skin surgery

- A single appointment, including consultation (£75) and surgical treatment (£275).
- Treatment by highly experienced GPs who have specific expertise in dermatology/surgery.
- All consulting and surgical facilities and consumables including surgical treatment room, surgical instrumentation, local anaesthetic, dressings, biopsy assessment of lesions where appropriate together with follow-up letter.
- Reporting direct to patients' registered GP to ensure completeness of patient records.
- Clinics in various locations for patients in the Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and BANES areas.

About GP Care

GP Care is a recognised provider of community based healthcare services including diagnostics, outpatient and ancillary services to NHS and private patients within South Gloucestershire, Bristol, North Somerset and BANES.

GP Care provides a Minor Skin Surgery Service for the removal of skin lesions such as moles, cysts, lipomas and skin tags. Minor skin lesions are no longer removed on the NHS unless they pose a significant danger to your health.

GP Care's Minor Skin Surgery clinicians are all highly experienced local General Practitioners who have specific expertise and experience in this field.

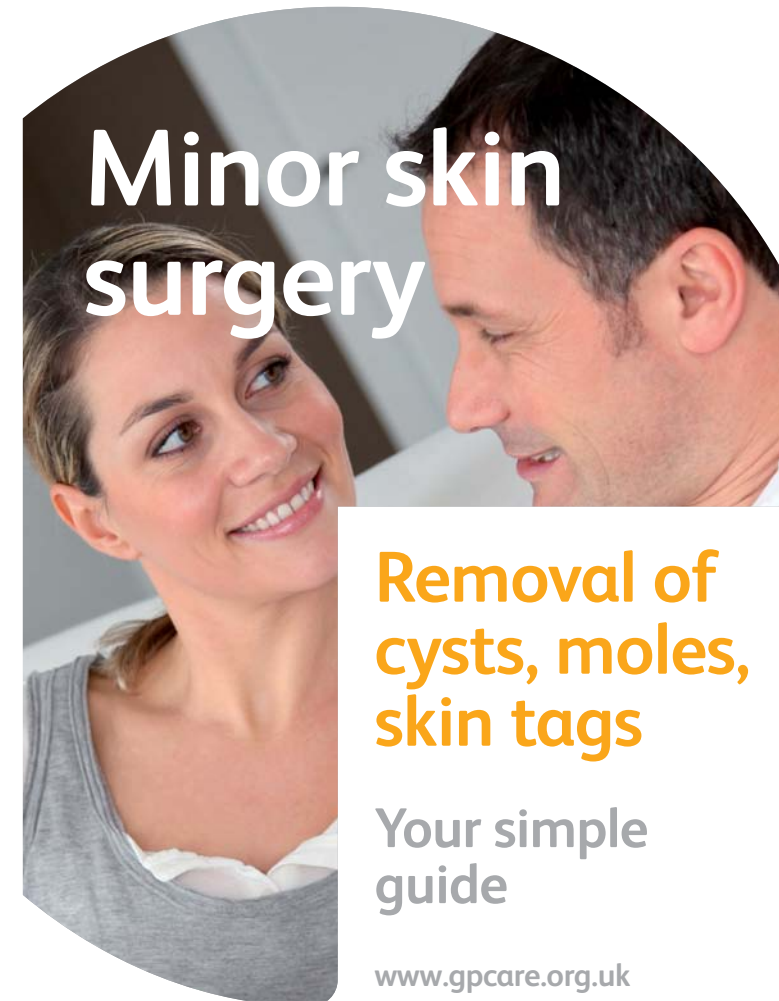
Surgery to remove a skin lesion is a specialist procedure that typically takes 30 minutes comprising a one-stop appointment including a consultation and lesion removal.

For more information, please visit our website at www.gpcare.org.uk.

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Making an appointment

To make an appointment or for further information about the location of our clinics, please call our private patient line: **0845 468 2101**. During this conversation we will ask for your contact details, information about the lesions and establish whether you are taking any medication. We will also need to take payment at the time of booking.

Before your appointment

We will send you a confirmation letter, your payment receipt and a consent form which you should read but which you do not need to sign until you are certain you wish to proceed with the removal of your lesion.

We will also send a map and directions to the minor surgery clinic.

Consultation

Your appointment includes a consultation with the clinician followed by the procedure. During the consultation, the clinician will discuss your general health and current medication. The clinician will then explain the procedure and discuss whether there is a likelihood of recurrence and scarring and how to prevent infection.

Treatment

When you are certain that you wish to go ahead with the lesion removal, you will be asked to sign a consent form.

Local anaesthetic

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. The anaesthetic will wear off after a few hours and you may wish to take paracetamol (not aspirin) if you have any discomfort, which is usually mild.

The procedure

Clinicians use a variety of techniques to remove skin lesions including excision and cauterization. The removal of a skin lesion sometimes involves stitches. The clinician will advise you when to make an appointment at your own surgery to have the stitches removed.

After your appointment

Although it is unlikely that your lesion represents a danger to your health, we may send it for examination and let you and your GP know the result as soon as we receive it. We will also send you a patient satisfaction questionnaire which we hope you will return to us.

Scarring

Most scars will be pale but occasionally they can become pigmented or darkened. Scars will usually fade but can persist. The degree of scarring depends on your age, where the lesion is and whether there is infection.

Recurrence

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

Infection

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

Payment

The fee for this service is £350 which should be paid at the time of booking. If you choose not to go ahead with the procedure, you will be refunded the £275 surgical fee. Please note that a £5 credit card surcharge applies.