

## GP Care - Minor Skin Surgery

- One appointment including consultation and treatment costing £250
- Local anaesthetic
- Treatment by GPs who have additional training and experience
- Clinics in various locations for patients in the Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and BANES PCT areas

### About GP Care

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



GP Care provides a Minor Skin Surgery Service for the removal of minor skin lesions such as moles, certain types of wart, 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 General Practitioners who have additional training and experience in this field.

Surgery to remove a skin lesion is a quick and straightforward procedure. A 30-minute appointment includes a consultation and the removal of a skin lesion.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.gpcare.org.uk](http://www.gpcare.org.uk). Please call GP Care on 0117 970 8983 to make an appointment.

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## Making an appointment

To make an appointment or for further information about the location of our clinics and available appointments, please call our private patient line: 0117 970 8983. During this conversation we will ask for your contact details, information about the lesion and establish whether you are taking any medication. We will also take payment of £250 by debit card or £255 by credit card.

## 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. If you choose not to go ahead with the procedure, you will be refunded £175.

## 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 cautery. 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 will 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. Disposable or hospital-sterilized instruments are used. You will be given a leaflet about post operative wound care.