



Dear Colleague;

The plastics surgeons in Victoria would like to introduce a central referral fax referral line for skin lesions. Referrals to all plastic surgeons for skin lesions will be accepted through this fax number using the [attached form](#) as either:

1. A specific surgeon based on you or your patients preference or previous treatment by that surgeon, or
2. First available.

Generally if the patient has seen one surgeon and is satisfied it provides greater continuity to be referred back to the same surgeon.

For referrals to Drs. Djurickovic and Gray biopsies are required for suspected malignancies.

Once received the referrals will be triaged by a plastic surgeon to ensure the urgent cases are sent to the treating surgeon promptly and your office will be notified which surgeon will see your patient and how the appointment will be set up. The treating surgeon's office will then contact the patient or your office with an appointment.

We have tried to keep the urgency categories loosely defined, having you use your discretion but essentially are as follows:

1. Melanomas or rapidly growing squamous cell carcinomas, less than 1 week
2. All other cancers, painful lesions or otherwise concerning lesions, less than 4 weeks
3. Remaining lesions, routine (i.e. sebaceous cysts, benign moles, lipomas).

Please do not feel bound by this if in your opinion the referral is of higher urgency.

By adding the "Cutaneous Surgery Clinic" to the cc line at the bottom of the biopsy requisition a copy of the result will automatically be forwarded by pathology to this referral line.

Our hope is this will make referrals easy and timely.

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