

ADVICE TO PATIENTS AFTER TREATMENT OF SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA

We have removed the squamous cell carcinoma from your skin and it has been carefully examined under the microscope. With this type of tumour there is a small chance that it might spread to other parts of the body, although this rarely occurs.

In a small number of cases there may occasionally be a further growth at the treated site or in the nearby lymph glands around the neck, under the arms or in the groin. This is a rare occurrence. When you attend the clinic, the doctor or nurse will carefully examine you to see if there is any evidence of changes in the skin or swelling in the lymph glands. You will also be taught how to examine yourself for these changes.

Whilst under our care; should you notice any new growths in or around the scar or unexplained swellings in the glands before your next dermatology appointment, do not wait until then, please contact your Key Worker; Sharon Hulley [029] 2184 3278 or Anwen Nicholas [029] 2184 8747. If you have been discharged from our care we would kindly ask that you please see your G.P. who will refer you back to our department if necessary.

Squamous cell carcinomas most commonly arise because your skin has been damaged by the sun, however if you take care to reduce future exposure to the sun and avoid being sunburned you will greatly reduce the chance of developing any further skin problems.

**For further information about skin diseases we suggest you visit the British
Association of Dermatologists website at:**
<https://www.bad.org.uk/for-the-public/patient-information-leaflets>