

<b>Pathway:</b>	Hand Eczema/Dermatitis
<b>Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:</b>	
<p><i>Refer to Dermatology for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contact allergic dermatitis that may need patch testing</li> <li>• severe contact hand eczema, which has failed primary care management</li> </ul> <p><b>Investigations prior to referral</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Information to include in referral letter:</b>	
<p><i>The GP referral letter should contain:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration of the eczema</li> <li>• Treatments tried, duration and their effects</li> <li>• Impact on daily life</li> <li>• Occupational history &amp; details of any relevant hobbies</li> <li>• A photograph is desirable</li> <li>• Relevant past medical/surgical history</li> <li>• Current regular medication</li> <li>• BMI</li> <li>• Smoking status</li> <li>• Alcohol consumption</li> </ul>	
<b>References &amp; Additional information:</b>	
<p>Patient Information Leaflet:</p> <p><a href="http://www.bad.org.uk/for-the-public/patient-information-leaflets/hand-dermatitis-how-to-care-for-your-hands">http://www.bad.org.uk/for-the-public/patient-information-leaflets/hand-dermatitis-how-to-care-for-your-hands</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.dermnetz.org/dermatitis/hand-dermatitis.html">http://www.dermnetz.org/dermatitis/hand-dermatitis.html</a></p> <p>References:</p> <p><a href="http://www.patient.co.uk/doctor/Eczema-on-Hands-and-Feet.htm">http://www.patient.co.uk/doctor/Eczema-on-Hands-and-Feet.htm</a></p>	
<b>CCG GP sign off:</b>	SRCCG Business Committee (Delegated to Dr Greg Black)
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