

General Commissioning Policy

Treatment	Basal Cell Carcinoma
For the treatment of	Basal Cell Carcinoma
Background	<p>NHS Scarborough and Ryedale CCG (SRCCG) commissions' healthcare on behalf of its local population across primary, secondary and tertiary care sectors. Commissioning policy including clinical referral pathways and thresholds have been developed and defined using appropriate NICE guidance and other peer reviewed evidence and are summarised here in order to guide and inform referrers.</p> <p>This commissioning policy is needed in order to clarify the criteria for referral for Basal Cell Carcinoma.</p>
Definition	<p>The most common skin cancer. A locally invasive, slow growing type of skin cancer predominantly seen in Caucasians. Metastases are extremely rare.</p> <p>Exclude Red Flag Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclude melanoma and SCC
Management	<p>Low Risk BCCs (<2cm, below clavicle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal by accredited GP minor surgeon • Remove with 4mm margins, send for histology <p>High Risk BCCs (>2cm, under age 25, immunocompromised)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Above the clavicle; refer to Head & Neck • Around the eye; refer to Oculoplastic Clinic • >2cm, surgical complexity (e.g. on shin – skin flap may be required) or diagnostic uncertainty – refer to Dermatology <p>Superficial BCCs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be offered full range of medical therapies and may require referral to Dermatology <p>Remember – a thorough skin inspection should be undertaken once a BCC confirmed for other lesions</p>
Investigations prior to referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low risk lesions should be managed as per the local guideline • Incomplete excisions should be referred to dermatology or discussed via the local Skin MDT

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Information to include in referral letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size of lesion • Location of lesion (e.g. above clavicle) • Description of lesion • Past medical history • Drug history • Photograph of lesion
Patient Information	PIL – BAD
Effective from	November 2016
Next Review Date	2019
Contact for this policy	CCG Service Improvement Team scrccg.rssifr@nhs.net

References:

1. [Excellent primary care website with useful photographs for reference](#)
2. NICE guidance – [Improving Outcomes for People with Skin Tumours \(2010\)](#)

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