



St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Outpatient Referral Guidelines

What conditions do we treat?

We welcome your referral to our department. We offer patients with common or unusual skin conditions expert care and treatment. This includes (but is not limited to):

- **Skin cancer**
- **Inflammatory skin conditions**
e.g. atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, rosacea, hidradenitis suppurativa
- **Immunobullous disease**
e.g. bullous pemphigoid, pemphigus vulgaris
- **Connective tissue disease**
e.g. cutaneous lupus
- **Oral diseases**
e.g. oral lichen planus
- **Nail diseases**
- **Urticaria**
e.g. chronic spontaneous urticaria
- **Autoimmune cutaneous ulcers**
e.g. pyoderma gangrenosum
- **Pigmentary disorders**
e.g. vitiligo
- **Infections & infestations**
e.g. scabies



We offer a phototherapy service and have specialised clinics in **Skin cancer**, **Hidradenitis Supprativa**, **Cutaneous Lymphoma**, **Photobiology**, **Pyoderma Gangrenosum** and Advanced Therapeutics for the treatment of **Atopic Dermatitis and Psoriasis**.

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Exclusions

Unfortunately, we do not have capacity for:

- **Routine skin checks**
Patients must have a lesion of concern examined by their GP and deemed suspicious
- **Removal of benign lesions or cosmetic procedures**
e.g. seborrheic keratoses
- **Patients under the age of 18 unless it is for a condition where Minors are not able to be seen via a Paediatric Service**
- **Cosmetic laser**
- **Uncomplicated androgenic hair loss**
- **Diabetic or vascular foot ulcers**
Please refer these patients to the St Vincent's 'High risk foot clinic'
- **Sexually transmitted diseases**
Please refer these patients to the St Vincent's infectious diseases clinic



Priority

Patients will be triaged according to clinical urgency:

Emergency

Please refer patients to the emergency department or contact dermatology registrar via our switchboard on 9231 2211

Urgent

Within 30 days

Non-urgent

Next available appointment

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How to refer?

All referrals must be faxed to (03) 9231 3489. Please address all referrals to the Head of Department; Associate Professor Christopher Baker. Clinical photos with patient identifiers can be sent to dermatologyphotos@svha.org.au. Please ensure that the following information is included in your referral:

- **Demographic information**
Age, gender, contact details etc
- **Clinical information**
Duration of symptoms, severity, diagnosis, management and medical history
- **Investigations**

Contact



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General enquires or if you are concerned that there is a delay for an outpatient appointment

Please call Specialist Clinics GP Hotline on (03) 9231 2898.

Medical practitioners

To discuss urgent or complex referrals, our dermatology registrar is available via our switchboard on (03) 9231 2211.