

# MINOR SURGERY

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## WHAT IS MINOR SURGERY:

We Remove:

- Skin Lumps
- Cysts
- Moles
- Skin Tags
- Warts
- Toe Nails

**We do not carry out any procedures for cosmetic reasons and follow strict NHS guidelines**

If you are concerned about any of the above conditions or wish to have them removed please make an appointment with one of our doctors to discuss this further.

## WHO DOES IT?

Dr Erskine and Dr Banns perform our minor Surgery and are assisted by our assistant nurse practitioner.

## WHEN DOES IT HAPPEN?

We operate a minor surgery clinic approximately once a month depending on demand. You will be sent a letter with your appointment, if the appointment is not suitable then please contact our medical secretaries and we will look to rearrange this for you.

## WHERE DOES IT HAPPEN?

Our Minor Surgery clinic operates on the first floor of Waters Green Medical Centre. When you attend for your appointment please report to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Reception, **not** Park Lane Surgery.

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

Most lesions can be removed in 20-30 minutes but sometimes can take longer. It is impossible to give an exact procedure time as every patient's lesion is different and therefore appointment times may not run to time. If this does occur we would ask for your patience.

## HOW IS THE PROCEDURE CARRIED OUT?

Prior to the procedure you will be asked to sign a consent form and have the opportunity to ask any questions that you might have.

Most procedures are carried out using local anaesthetic (an injection around the site of the lesion which is similar to that used by dentists). This will sting initially, but quickly stops. **If you have had a bad reaction to local anaesthetic in the past it is very important that you inform us.**

You should not feel any pain during the procedure and if you do please inform the doctor immediately. You will be aware of a sensation of pressure.

Once the lesion is removed the skin will often be closed with a few stitches although this is not always necessary. If there is a need for stitches you will be told by the doctor when to make an appointment with a nurse to have these removed (usually around 1 week).

All lesions removed are sent to the laboratory for examination.

## **WHAT HAPPENS AFTERWARDS?**

The local anaesthetic lasts for approximately 2 hours. After which simple painkillers such as paracetamol can be taken for pain relief.

After the procedure the wound will be dressed this should ideally be left in place for 48 hours. It is important to keep this as clean and dry as possible during this period.

If you are still in pain after 48 hours or if the wound becomes very red or starts to discharge pus then please make an appointment with a doctor as soon as possible.

Approximately 3 weeks after your procedure we will send you a letter confirming the diagnosis of your lesion from the laboratory.

## **WILL THERE BE A SCAR?**

All surgery will leave some form of a scar if you have any concerns regarding this please discuss this with the doctor prior to the procedure.

# Park Lane Surgery



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## **Patient information Leaflet**

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