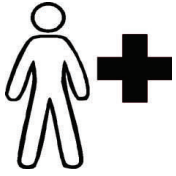


What will happen at my appointment?

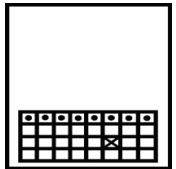


The specialist doctor or nurse will take you to a private consulting room and will:

- ♦ ask you some questions about your health and your skin problems
- ♦ examine your skin that has been giving you problems
- ♦ discuss your problem with you and how it can best be treated

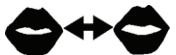


The specialist doctor or nurse may wish to take a biopsy (removal of a small sample of skin or tissue from under your skin), to help with the diagnosis of your problem or condition.

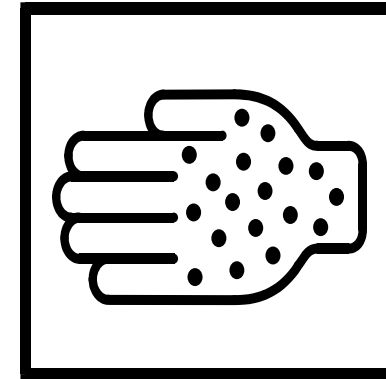


You might have to make an appointment to come back for this test

- ♦ You may be advised to use other or additional creams and / or dressings.
- ♦ The nurse will make sure you understand all the instructions for your treatment.



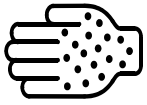
Dermatology Clinic



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What is the Dermatology Clinic?



You will see a dermatologist who is a doctor that specialises in skin problems.

If you need help or a wheelchair, please phone us before you come. Our phone number is on your appointment letter.

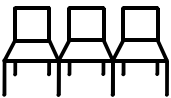


What should I do when I get to the Outpatient Department?



When you arrive, go to the reception desk. Either hand in your appointment card or give your name.

The receptionist will ask you to sit in the waiting area. Someone from the clinic will call your name when it's your turn to be seen.



What should I do if I cannot come?

If you cannot come to your appointment please phone the number on your appointment letter or e-mail the address on your appointment letter.



How long will my appointment take?

Please allow up to 30 minutes for your appointment.

When the clinic is very busy you may have to wait.

We will tell you how long you have to wait.

We will give you another appointment time if you cannot wait.



What should I bring to the appointment?

Bring:

- ◆ your appointment card.
- ◆ any creams you are using or at least, a list of their names.
- ◆ a care plan or letter from a District Nurse which describes any treatment you have been receiving.

