Salisbury Skin Service

Skin Cancer Post-Operative Follow up Protocol – Updated October 2019

Any BCC completely excised	Discharge at any follow-up, with BAD advice
	document given to patient or sent to patient
	by secretary after the appointment.
Any BCC completely excised, at time of	Discharge letter to patient via secretary
Receipt of Histopathology report	including BAD advice document, plus copies
	<u>to GP</u>
Very high risk BCC or other specific reason to	State reason for variance from protocol, and
keep patient under review	state required appointment intervals and
	total duration of follow-up (e.g. 6/12ly for 3
	years)

Basal Cell Carcinoma

Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Well differentiated, completely excised	6 months then discharge at 1 year
Intermediate or poorly differentiated, or	2 Years: 3 monthly in year 1, then 6
secondary to chronic inflammation	monthly
Lip /ear />2cm diameter /recurrent/	5 Years: 3 monthly in year 1, then 6
immunosuppressed / perineural invasion	monthly

Malignant Melanoma

In Situ	No follow-up unless numerous or dysplastic moles
<1mm thickness, no ulceration i.e. pT1a	Discharge at 1 year (4 monthly)
All other thicknesses (i.e. Stages pT1b and Stage II) or Regional Lymph Nodes (Stage III) but with no distant lymph nodes or distant metastases	5 Years: 3 monthly for 3 years, then 6 monthly for 2 years.
Distant lymph nodes / Distant metastases (i.e. Stage IV)	10 Years: 3 monthly for 3 years, 6 monthly for 2 years, then yearly form 5-10 years.

All Skin Cancer patients need to be encouraged to conduct self-surveillance and sun awareness both during OPA follow up and after discharge.

Where possible encourage shared follow-up with GPSI.

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