

## Department of Dermatology, Allergy and Skin Surgery

### **Attending the Dermatology Bucks Review Clinic**

**Thank you for agreeing to attend the Dermatology Bucks Review Clinic. Please take a few minutes to read this information leaflet before attending.**

This clinic is held monthly at the Dermatology Unit in Amersham Hospital, and enables dermatologists from different hospitals within the South East Region to see patients with more complicated problems or where treatments have not worked, to discuss the case.

The discussions may be about the diagnosis, whether further tests may be helpful and what treatments would be best. This has the advantage of giving you different clinical opinions and expertise within specialised areas of Dermatology, as well as enhancing medical education.

On arrival you will be escorted to a treatment or consulting room. You may be asked to change into a gown depending on the area of your body to be examined.

You will be visited by small groups of doctors. They will carry a leaflet with a synopsis of your history and treatments to date, which they may use to make notes. You will be asked several questions and you may be examined. With your consent, photographs may be taken.

At any one time there can be 4-5 doctors in the room. Usually the maximum number of doctors attending the clinic is 20. The nursing staff will advise you when the clinic is finished.

If you are travelling by car allow time for parking; the hospital operates a pay and display parking system. You will need to be in the department for approximately one and a half hours.

**Safe & compassionate care,**

**every time**

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We see several patients in the clinic and have our main discussion at the end of the afternoon session. It is, therefore, not possible to give you the results of the discussions on that day. However, the doctor responsible for bringing you up to clinic will write to you and may arrange follow up.

If you have not heard from the hospital within 4 weeks, you should contact that doctor, via their secretary, so that any further information can be given. Medical secretaries can be reached on 01494 734626 or 734611 Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

We appreciate that this clinic can be quite a daunting experience, especially as you see many doctors and need to repeat your history several times. However, we thank you for your co-operation.

### **How can I help reduce healthcare associated infections?**

Infection control is important to the well-being of our patients and for that reason we have infection control procedures in place. Keeping your hands clean is an effective way of preventing the spread of infections. We ask that you, and anyone visiting you, use the hand sanitiser available at the main entrance of the hospital and at the entrance to every clinical area before coming in to and after leaving the clinical area or hospital. In some situations hands may need to be washed at the sink using soap and water rather than using the hand sanitiser. Staff will let you know if this is the case.

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