

## other information

On the day of your appointment, please ensure that you bring along:

- Medicare Card / Veterans Card
- Pension / Health Care Card
- List of your current medications

## anticoagulant medications

Please inform our doctors if you take any anticoagulant medication such as aspirin, plavix or warfarin.

## parking

There is metered parking available in the streets close by, in addition to 24 hour public parking off Pelham and Rathdowne Streets.

## accommodation

If you are travelling a long distance, it is advisable to find accommodation and stay the night of your surgery. There are a number of motels close to the Foundation. Please contact us for a list.

## support the foundation

Our Foundation relies on the support of others to ensure we can continue with our commitment of providing world class care, education and research for skin disorders. See below for the range of ways on how you can support us.

## fundraise

Start fundraising with friends and family. Sign up for an existing event in your region or create your own event with our online Foundation fundraising page. Simply visit our website and refer to the 'fundraise now' button on the home page for your convenience.

Alternatively don't hesitate to contact us:  
t: 03 9623 9400 e: [fundraise@skincancer.asn.au](mailto:fundraise@skincancer.asn.au)

## donation

Donate to our cause today. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Simply visit our website and refer to the 'donate now' button on the home page for your convenience.

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## bequest

If you wish to make a bequest a member of our Foundation is available to talk with you regarding your preferred option in addition to discussing our recognition of support program.

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# transplant dermatology clinic

## the skin & cancer foundation inc

The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc is Australia's leading specialist dermatology centre. It is a not-for-profit organisation specialising in the treatment, education and research of skin disorders.

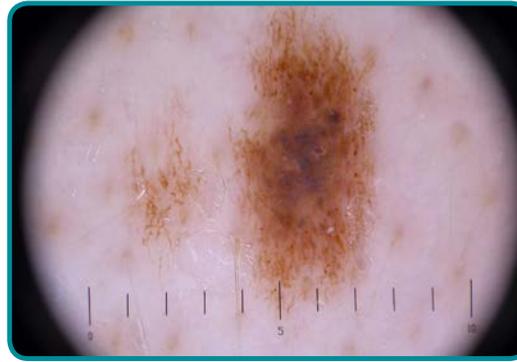
Established in 1987, the Foundation offers patients peace of mind knowing that their skin is in expert hands. The Foundation provides the best in dermatology industry standards, and professional advice.

## the transplant dermatology

The Transplant Dermatology Clinic is a specialised clinic set up to manage the skin problems that occur for patients who have undergone organ transplantation.

The immunosuppressive medications taken to prevent rejection increase the risk of developing skin cancers. There is a need therefore for ongoing surveillance.

The Transplant Dermatology Clinic is lead by Dr. Alvin Chong. Dr. Chong has a special interest in the treatments of skin cancer associated with organ transplants. He is also active in research in this area and has published numerous papers on this subject.



Transplant patients have unique dermatological needs:

- Skin Cancers
- Numerous pre-cancerous lesions (Actinic Keratoses, Bowen's Disease)
- Infective Skin Problems
- Skin Problems from Medications

Squamous Cell Carcinomas (SCC) are the most common post-transplant malignancy.

### transplant dermatology team

The Transplant Dermatology Clinic consists of 1 - 2 consultants and a team of dermatology registrars at the Foundation. Nurses will assist the team as well when necessary.

### during the consultation

Patients are referred to the Clinic at the Foundation and will have an appointment made with a consultant dermatologist who will discuss the patients issues such as:

- Medical history
- Medications
- Full skin examination

Suspicious lesions may be biopsied or excised on the day of consultation. The consultant will sometimes refer you to a plastic surgeon for more extensive surgery if required. Other treatment modalities for skin cancer including photodynamic therapy and radiotherapy are available at the Foundation. We will also communicate with the transplant unit and GP by letter.

## biopsies and excisions

An excision or biopsy may be performed under local anesthetic. Depending on the size of the wound it may require sutures and dressings and a small dressing.

Instructions will be given on how to manage your wound.



## follow up appointment

If necessary, suture (stitches) removal can be done by the patient's GP or back in our clinic. If a patient is seen by a plastic surgeon they may be asked to come back to the clinic for removal of sutures and a review by a dermatology registrar. Patients are reviewed in the Transplant Dermatology Clinic regularly depending on the need. This may vary according to the individual and the complexity of issues involved in the various treatments.

