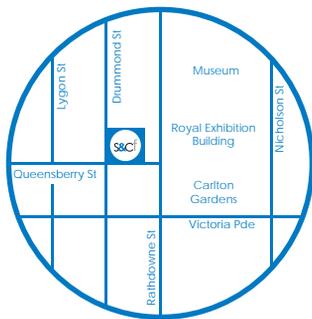


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Our Foundation relies on the support of others to ensure we can continue providing world class care, education and research for skin disorders.

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You can help us save lives. We need your support to continue our research, education and the clinical care of patients with skin disorders and skin cancers. Your support will help our research and education into skin diseases, skin cancers and melanoma. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Simply visit our website and click on the donate button on the home page.



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# scar revision



## 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.

### scar revision

Whether they be leftovers from childhood accidents or surgery, scars can be something you want to forget. They can also interfere with the way you look. They might be itchy or painful. Or they might make it difficult to move that part of the body.

The majority of scars can now be treated very successfully.

The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc is now offering highly specialised treatments and new technologies that very successfully improve the appearance of scars. The treatments can improve appearances, boost patient self-confidence and remove the tightness and redness of scars.

### scars

Scars form in the deeper layers of the skin called the dermis. Our specialist dermatologists will use quite different treatments depending on the characteristics of the scar, including issues like its type, cause, texture, location, and your skin pigment.

Scars are caused by an abnormal pattern of healing deep in the layers of skin. Depending on the circumstances, and the way the body has responded, the scar may be either hypertrophic / keloidal (where the scar is elevated) or atrophic, where the scar is sunken or depressed. Hypertrophic/keloid scarring is caused by the generation of too much collagen. The reverse happens with atrophic scarring.

## treatment

Scar revision is a highly specialised, complex field, and our dermatologists are leaders in this domain. They will discuss the various treatment options, and which one suits you best, at the time of your consultation. These options include advanced laser resurfacing, dermal fillers and grafts, dermal needling, vascular laser techniques, chemical peeling and intralesional techniques.

The procedures are safe and effective. If required, a topical anaesthetic cream is applied prior to treatment making it a painless procedure. You will be comfortable during and after the treatment, and will be able to drive home afterwards.

Often treatments can be done on the day. A few treatments might be required 1 - 2 months apart but our team will make ongoing assessments to ensure you are kept informed as to progress. Your post treatment care will be carefully explained to you.



### other information

#### medicare rebate

For some procedures a Medicare rebate may apply. These include treatments for surgical and traumatic scarring. We will be happy to provide you with the advice for your circumstances.

#### referral

As we are specialists in this field, a referral from your GP will help you claim part of the consultation and, in some cases, a rebate for the procedures.

#### questions

Call us if you have any questions, or if you would like to make an appointment (03 9623 9400). We would be happy to assist.