**URGENT REFERRAL FORM FOR**

**SUSPECTED SKIN CANCER**

(Including Melanoma, Squamous Cell Carcinoma)

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| **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF SUSPECTED BCC’S SHOULD BE REFERRED ROUTINELY****Only refer suspected BCC’s urgently using this form if there is a concern that delay in assessment may significantly affect the outcome with respect to lesion site i.e. eyelids, auditory canal or size** |

***PLEASE USE THE ELECTRONIC E-REFERRAL SYSTEM TO DIRECTLY BOOK APPOINTMENT – THE PROFORMA NEEDS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE UBRN WITHIN 24 HOURS***

Telephone Contact No. for Booking Queries: 0151 604 7720

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| **PATIENT ENGAGEMENT – THIS IS A MANDATORY FIELD** |
| 1. **Has the patient been counselled regarding this referral as per the NICE guidelines i.e. advised why they have been referred to a cancer service and offered appropriate information including where to seek additional support?**

**If no, please explain why:** | Yes ☐ No ☐ |
| 1. **Has the patient been advised that they need to be available within the next four weeks?**

**If no, please explain the reason why:** | Yes ☐ No ☐ |
| **3.** **Have you ensured that the telephone contact details are correct?** | Yes ☐ No ☐ |
| **REFERRER’S DETAILS** |
| **Referring GP** |  | **GP Code:** |
| **Registered GP** |  |
| **GP Address & postcode** |  |
| **GP Tel. No.** |  |
| **GP Fax. No.** |  |
| **Date seen by GP:** |  | **Decision to refer date:** |
| **PATIENT DETAILS** |
| **Title & Surname** |  | **Forename(s)**  |
| **D.O.B.** |  | **AGE:** | **Gender:** Male**☐** Female**☐** |
| **Address**  |  |
| **Postcode** |  | **\*Tel. No. (day)**  | **Mobile Tel.**  |
| **\*Tel. No. (evening)**  |  | **NHS No.**  |  |
| **CULTURAL, MOBILITY, IMPAIRMENT ISSUES** |
| What is the patient’s preferred first language? ………………………………………………..Does the patient require Translation or Interpretation Services? YES ☐ NO ☐ ………………………………………Please list any hearing or visual impairments requiring specialist help (Sign language, Braille, Loop Induction systems) ………………………………………………………………………………………………………Is Disabled Access Required? YES ☐ NO ☐ Is transport required? YES ☐ NO ☐ ……………………… Ethnic Origin: ……………………………………….. Religion: ………………………………………………………Is the patient from overseas? YES ☐ NO ☐ Is the patient a temporary visitor? YES ☐ NO ☐  |

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| **REFERRAL INFORMATION** |
| Suspected Skin Cancer Type:Melanoma ☐ Squamous Cell Carcinoma ☐ Basal Cell Carcinoma ☐ **\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF SUSPECTED BCC’S SHOULD BE REFERRED ROUTINELY****Only refer suspected BCC’s urgently using this form if there is a concern that delay in assessment may significantly affect the outcome with respect to lesion site i.e. eyelids, auditory canal or size\*** **Site of lesion:** **Size:** **Duration:** |
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| **Additional Information Regarding Suspected Melanoma** |  |
| ***Lesions scoring 3+ points refer URGENTLY.******If you strongly suspect cancer any one feature is adequate to prompt urgent referral.******Excision in primary care should be avoided!!*** |
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| **** Dermoscopy (not essential) suggests melanoma**** Pigmented or non-pigmented lesion suggesting nodular melanoma. | Yes ☐ No ☐Yes ☐ No ☐ |
| **Major features of pigmented lesions** **(2 points)** |  |
|  Change in size \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Irregular shape \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Irregular colour \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  | TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Minor feature of pigmented lesions (1 point)** |
|  Largest diameter 7mm or more \_\_\_ Inflammation \_\_\_ Oozing \_\_\_ Change in sensation \_\_\_ | TOTAL **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

Discussion with a specialist (for example, by telephone or email) should be considered if there is uncertainty about the interpretation of symptoms and signs, and whether a referral is needed. This may also enable the primary healthcare professional to communicate their concerns and a sense of urgency to secondary healthcare professionals when symptoms are not classical **[2015].** |
| **This is a free text box to facilitate any additional information which might not be in the main clinical record with regards to why you feel this patient may have cancer.** |
| **Please use this area during formatting on IT systems to upload a brief patient summary which should include:** recent consultation, current diagnosis; past medical history; recent investigations; medication; any other fields which might be helpful to aid triage in secondary care. |