PHOTO DYNAMIC THERAPY (PDT)

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is PDT?

Photodynamic Therapy (PDT) is a form of phototherapy involving the application of specialised cream followed but lesion specific light exposure for the treatment of some skin cancers. This procedure requires a half-day booking to complete.

What type of lesions can be treated?

- Solar keratoses on the face and scalp
- Basal cell carcinomas
- Bowen's disease (squamous cell carcinoma in situ)
- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Mycosis fungoides (cutaneous T-cell lymphoma)
- Kaposi sarcoma
- Psoriasis
- Viral warts

Treatment

This procedure requires a half-day booking to complete. Most skin cancers require two visits, two weeks apart. Our QID nurses perform this procedure upon a specialists request with a follow up booking made at the second treatment.

The combination of Metvix cream (Methyl aminolevuliate) applied to the lesion, oxygen in the atmosphere and the light activation cause a photochemical reaction that assists in cancer cell destruction. The process causes a localised inflammatory response and the area may become reddened, blister or crust. This is a normal response but for some people the procedure can cause some discomfort.

How to make an appointment

A consulting specialist will recommend a PDT session at the practice.

Contact Us:

Please contact QID if you have any concerns. Our office is open Monday to Friday between 8:30 and 5 pm.

For concerns about recent treatment of PDT after hours please contact the main hospital on 3394 0711 and ask for the dermatology registrar on call, they will be able to assist with any concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the procedure or appointment times we are happy to help.

Next Appointment:

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