

## Paediatric Dermatology Specialist Clinics at Western Health:

Western Health provides the following Specialist Clinics for patients up to 17 years of age who require assessment and management of Dermatology conditions. Patients will be triaged monthly by Consultant Dermatologist into management pathways according to specific clinical requirements:

**These referral guidelines are for Paediatric Specialist Clinics provided at Joan Kirner Women's and Children's at Sunshine Hospital only.**

**Referrals may be triaged to alternative Paediatric Specialist Clinics at Western Health.**

## Conditions not seen by Paediatric Dermatology Specialists at Western Health:

- Children requiring urgent review for dermatological conditions.
- Neonatal or infantile haemangiomas needing urgent review.
- Conditions requiring laser surgery.
- Cosmetic dermatology.
- Photo surveillance services for moles, etc.
- Surgical dermatological procedures.

## Paediatric Dermatology Alarm Symptoms:

**Acute conditions requiring immediate assessment – please refer the patient to the Sunshine Hospital Emergency Department.**

- Extensive blistering including Steven Johnson Syndrome.
- Purpuric (bruise-like) rashes.
- Widespread and symptomatic drug eruptions.
- Eczema Herpeticum.
- Severely infected eczema, and severely inflamed eczema
- Erythrodermic children and any skin condition that is significantly painful or tender.

## Access & Referral Priority Paediatric Dermatology:

The clinical information provided in your referral will determine the triage category. The triage category will affect the timeframe in which the patient is offered an appointment.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>URGENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appointment timeframe &lt; 30 days.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROUTINE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appointment timeframe greater than 30 days, depending on clinical need.</b></p>
<p><b>Neonates</b></p> <p>All neonates that require urgent review for any dermatological conditions contact the Royal Children's Hospital Dermatology Registrar via switchboard</p> <p><b>Ph. 9345 5522</b> to arrange follow up at RCH.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This includes evolving haemangiomas.</p>	<p><b>Eczema</b></p>
<p><b>Urgent Alarm Symptoms:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients needing urgent review cannot be seen as it is only a monthly service.</li> <li>• Any skin condition requiring urgent review should be referred to the RCH.</li> <li>• For severe dermatological conditions refer the patient to the Sunshine Hospital Emergency Department.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Acne</b></p>
	<p><b>Rashes for Clarification</b></p>
	<p><b>Psoriasis</b></p>
	<p><b>Warts and Molluscum</b></p>
	<p><b>Alopecia</b></p>
	<p><b>Lumps and Bumps</b></p>
	<p><b>Skin Checks</b></p>
	<p><b>Nail issues</b></p>

## Condition Specific Referral Guidelines:

Key information enables Western Health to triage patients to the correct category and provide treatment with fewer visits to specialist clinics, creating more capacity for care. If key information is missing, you may be asked to return the referral with the required information.

Condition:	Key Information Points:	Clinical Investigations
<b>All Dermatology Referrals</b>	<p><b>Essential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of presenting issue and reason for urgency.</li> <li>• Age of onset.</li> <li>• Timeframe of presentation (e.g. four-week history).</li> <li>• Details of past management and response</li> <li>• Current treatment and dosing information</li> <li>• History, including relevant infections/travel.</li> <li>• Family history</li> <li>• Allergy history</li> </ul> <p><b>Desirable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of any inter current illness.</li> <li>• Medication History</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward results of any investigations that have been completed, such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Skin scrapings</li> <li>➢ Swabs for Micro, Culture and Sensitivity</li> <li>➢ Biopsies</li> <li>➢ Imaging including ultrasound</li> </ul> </li> </ul>