



FORD HEALTH

Fact Sheet



Your Skin Cancer Check

What you need to know...

SKIN CANCER

- Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, with over 380,000 people diagnosed every year.
- Over 1300 Australians die from skin cancer each year, and they account for around 80% of all new cancers diagnosed each year in Australia.
- It is more likely to develop in fair skinned people than those with olive complexions. However, with the Australian sun, all complexions have been known to develop skin cancer.
- Having two or more episodes of sunburn as a child also increases your risk of skin cancer.

What is involved in a Ford Health Skin Cancer Check?

Your workplace has chosen to offer employees the opportunity to have a skin cancer check. This activity is offered to enable early detection of skin cancers, give advice regarding appropriate management and to provide information and advice about taking care of your skin.

The Ford Health Skin Cancer Check Program is a **screening service only**. It allows our doctors to thoroughly check your skin, and provide a referral to further medical practitioners and specialists where necessary. By doing the checks in work time and in your workplace we are able to save you time and ensure that you are only seeing your GP when there is something that definitely needs treatment or follow up.

Qualifications of Ford Health Doctors

The Ford Health Doctor who completes your skin cancer check is a registered medical practitioner. He/She has a specific interest in skin cancer and has received training in performing workplace based skin cancer screening. Ford Health doctors use high quality equipment to allow detailed assessment of your skin.

Ford Health Doctors are committed to high quality and consistent care in all services they provide.

What will I receive at the conclusion of my skin cancer check?

As well as verbal advice from the Ford Health Doctor, you will receive

- A GP and/or specialist referral letter
- A skin cancer check notes page
- Fact sheets and health information



What about referrals to my GP or a specialist?

If the Ford Health Doctor identifies a lesion or spot that he/she believes requires monitoring, treatment or removal, you will receive a referral to your GP or a skin specialist.

The Ford Health Doctor will determine the severity and urgency of referral. This will determine the type of medical practitioner you need to see, and the timeframe in which to seek further medical assistance.

What about treatment?

As Ford Health Doctors visit a variety of workplaces to perform skin cancer checks, they are not equipped to perform medical procedures, nor prescribe treatment that requires future follow up.

Ford Health believes that continuous care is important, and that by referring you to your GP or a specialist, you will receive such individual and ongoing monitoring that cannot be provided in a workplace setting.

What about Ford Health follow up?

Ford Health will support the continuous care we recommend, by contacting you in an appropriate timeframe to ensure you have completed the referrals requested by our doctors.

Next Steps..

If you have received a referral request from the Ford Health doctor, please ensure you contact the appropriate medical practitioner in the timeframe recommended. You may receive contact from Ford Health to support you to do so.



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