

Paediatric Dermatology Clinics at Western Health:

Western Health provides Specialist Paediatric Dermatology Clinic services for patients up to 17 years of age who require assessment and management of paediatric dermatological conditions. The clinics are facilitated by Paediatric Dermatologists.

Referral will be triaged on a monthly basis by a Paediatric Dermatologist according to specific clinical requirements.

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

Specialist Clinics are provided in the Joan Kirner Women's & Children's Sunshine Hospital. They run on a monthly basis.

Conditions not seen by Paediatric Dermatology 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.

Conditions requiring referral to Emergency Department:

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.

URGENT Appointment timeframe 30 days	ROUTINE Appointment timeframe greater than 30 days, depending on clinical need.
Neonates All neonates that require urgent review for any dermatological conditions contact the Royal Children's Hospital Dermatology Registrar via switchboard Ph. 9345 5522 to arrange follow up at RCH. Note: This includes evolving haemangiomas.	Eczema.
Category 1 patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients requiring urgent review are not able to be seen as it is only a monthly service. Any skin condition requiring urgent review should be referred to the RCH. For severe dermatological conditions refer the patient to the Sunshine Hospital Emergency Department. 	Acne
	Rashes for Clarification
	Psoriasis
	Warts and Molluscum
	Alopecia
	Lumps and bumps
	Skin checks
	Nail issues



Western Health Specialist Clinics Referral Guidelines

Condition Specific Referral Guidelines:

Key information enables Western Health clinicians to triage patient referrals to the correct category and provide treatment with fewer visits to Specialist Clinics, creating more capacity for care. If key information is missing, you will be asked to return the referral with the required information. If this information is not received, the referral may be rejected.

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