

## Skin Cancer Check

GPs in Australia have long been treating skin cancers effectively.

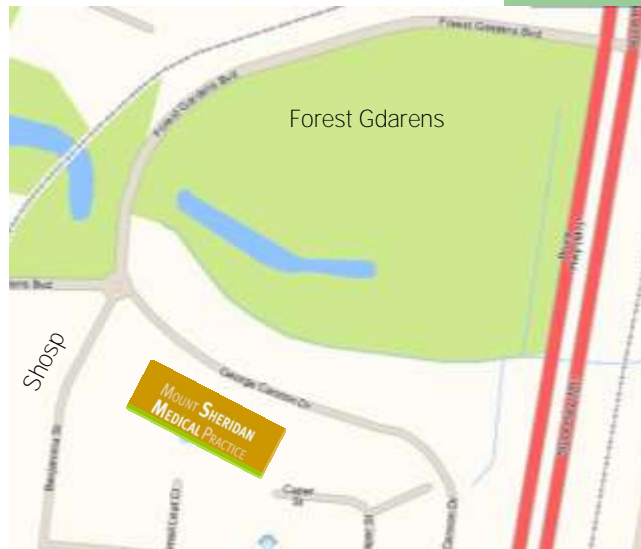
Research shows that whether or not you use high technology a full skin examination can help catch cancers early.



Book for a skin examination.

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We aim to undertake this as a separate consultation so we can allocate the appropriate time to this examination.



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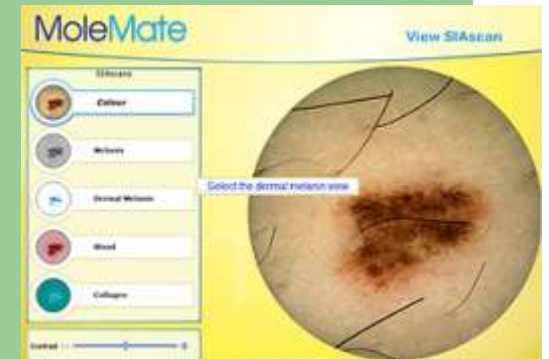
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Skin cancers are very common in Australia and even more common in Far North Queensland. The Mt Sheridan Medical Skin Cancer Check service makes your skin check up a priority.

GPs in North Queensland have been checking skin and treating skin cancer for many years.

### What we do

We follow Australian skin check guidelines. Initially we will initially do a visual check. Suspicious lesions will be looked at more closely with a dermatoscope, DermLite or computer aided imaging. This helps us decide what needs to be done next.

### What are we looking for?

**Solar keratosis or sun damaged** skin can be irritating and occasionally turn cancerous. These can be treated with cryotherapy or curettage.

**Basal cell** cancers are the least cancerous skin cancers and can be treated with cryotherapy, imiquodone cream (superficial BCC only) or excision.

**Squamous cell** cancers can theoretically spread but are generally caught early enough to prevent this. Treatment is by excision.



Solar Keratosis

**Malignant melanoma** are the most serious form of skin cancer. Early treatment can be curative but spread is always a possibility.

### Treatments

Some areas of sun damage can be frozen (**Cryotherapy**) with liquid nitrogen.



Malignant melanoma

**Curettage** scraping of skin lesions can be effective for sun damage leaving a scrape which heals well.

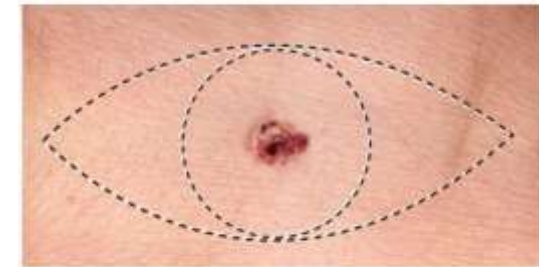
**Creams** — Solar keratosis can be treated with Imiquodone cream (Aldara TM) or Efidix TM as can some superficial basal cell cancers.

**Blopsy** : some skin lesions are difficult to identify visually and a small segment is cut out under local anaesthetic to be checked by the pathologist before definitive treatment is done.

**Excision** Sometimes skin lesions are obviously cancerous and can be cut out straight away under local anaesthetic. A few stitches are put in.

There may be times when the cancers are large or in difficult positions. You may need treatment from a specialist surgeon.

**Skin flaps and skin grafts** If it looks as though primary closure of a wound is difficult a skin flap—a more extensive surgical procedure or a skin graft taken from another area of skin may be performed—this will be discussed with you as will all procedures prior to proceeding.



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