



Issue 12 Spring, April 2025 **BULLETIN**

Training for New DL4 Dermatoscope

Training for new DL4 dermatoscope is available on the GPNI Webinar via the below link:

<https://gpni.co.uk/webinars/dermatology-photo-triage-update/>

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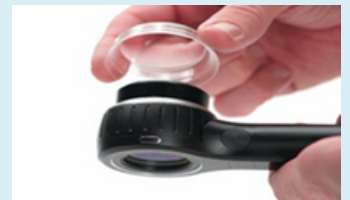


Care and Maintenance **DERMLITE DL4 QUICK GUIDE**

- Only trained staff should operate the DL4
- Practice is responsible for ensuring that the device is handled with care
- Store DL4 in a clean and secure place and in its protective case
- Regular cleaning and routine checks must be performed
- Lens and light source kept clean to maintain image quality
- Ice caps cleaned with an alcohol wipe between patients
- Regularly inspect the DL4 for any cracks, loose parts or irregularities
- Check battery levels and charging systems regularly
- Only use batteries designed for this device

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SOP - Guidance and Care of the New DL4 Dermatoscope

Over the last few months the Photo Triage Team have been out on the road delivering the new DermLite DL4 dermatoscopes and MagnetiConnect® clamps to Practices all across the region.

At this stage we hope you are already experiencing the capability and versatility of the DL4 and the quality of the images taken when this device is attached to your iPod.

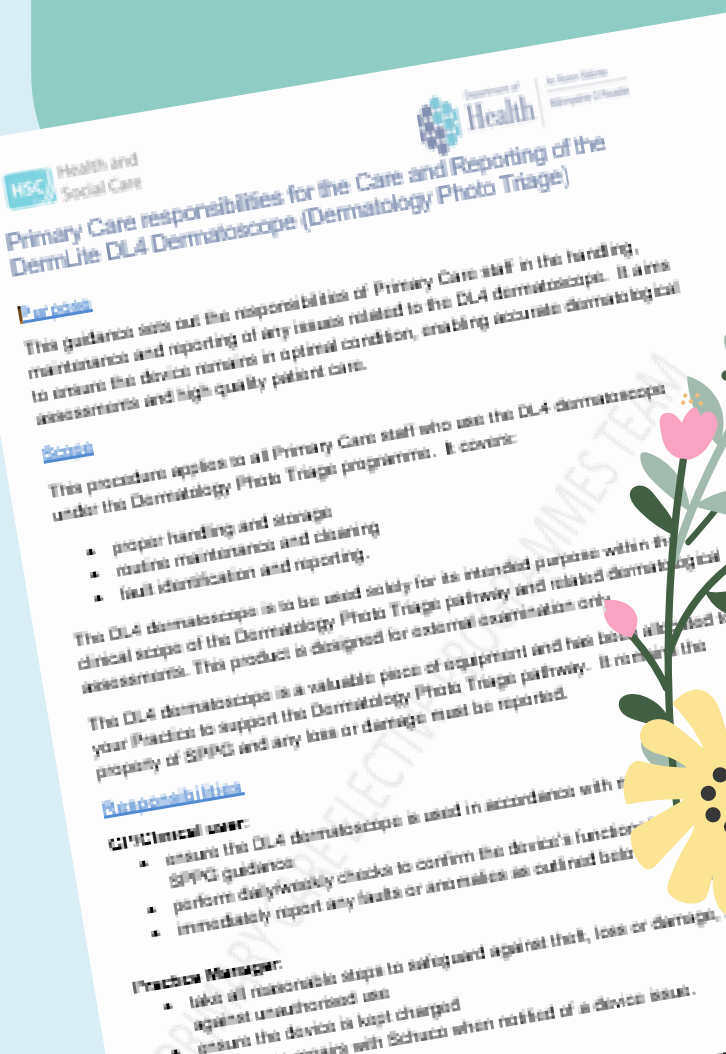
Manufacturers guidance and standard operational procedures (SOP) for 'Primary Care Responsibilities for the Care and Reporting of the DermLite DL4 Dermatoscope' can be found in Appendix (3) of the 25/26 NI Local Enhanced Service (NILES).

The SOP covers:

- proper handling and storage of the DL4
- routine maintenance and cleaning
- fault identification and reporting

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Roll out remaining DL4's to Practices with active branch surgeries in the next few weeks.
Roll out of iPhone SE model - Coming Soon



Contact Information

If you have any questions or need support regarding the DL4 dermatoscope, please contact:

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NILES 2025/26

The 2025/26 NILES for Federation-Led Dermatology Photo Triage has now been issued. If your Practice wish to participate in this pathway, please remember to sign and return the contract variation form. The link for this form is available on the Primary Care Intranet and has also been emailed to your Practice Manager

- All NI GP practices delivering this service are eligible for the NILES
- Funding is available to Practices who submit a Contract Variation and makes at least 1 referral via the Photo Triage pathway for 25/26
- A minimum fee payment of £41.67 per month, (i.e. £500 for the year) will be paid to Practices to support the software and administration aspects required to deliver the pathway
- A capitation payment calculated on the basis of the Practice population will also be paid at the end of the programme year
- Please note for practices who sign up mid-year, payments will be made pro-rata
- Payments will be made directly from SPPG to each individual Practice. SPPG reserves the right to recoup any funding and equipment not utilised in line with this pathway

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Dermatology Photo Triage Pathway Monthly Monitoring / Feedback Return" with a date of "2025/26". The form includes fields for "Practice Code", "Practice Name", "Month of monitoring", "Number of Red Flag referrals put through the Dermatology Photo Triage pathway by the Practice", and "Number of Urgent BCC referrals put through the Dermatology Photo Triage pathway by the practice". There is a "Save" button and a "Microsoft 365" logo at the bottom.

New Monitoring Requirement

As a result of the unavailability of activity from Epic, we now require Practices to make a monthly monitoring return for 25/26 programme year.

No monitoring return is required for months with nil referrals.

The monitoring form is available via the link in Appendix (5) of the NILES



Low Risk BCC Pilot

The Proof of Concept Pilot commenced on 01 February 2025 and a total of 110 patients with a low risk BCC diagnosis were transferred from Northern and South Eastern Trust surgical waiting lists. The pilot ran for a period of eight weeks, ending on 31 March 2025.

The final report will be completed by the end of May 2025.

Regional Review of Dermatology Services NI

On 15 January 2025, the Primary Care Elective Programmes Team within the SPPG convened a regional meeting with Dermatology and Primary Care colleagues across the HSC.

The aim of the meeting was to provide an opportunity to review the regional dermatology service based on the information collated through a recent Trust service mapping exercise and subsequent Trust site visits undertaken throughout 2024.

The event was very positive and productive and further engagement with primary and secondary care colleagues is ongoing to agree a regional workplan based on the priorities identified at this meeting.



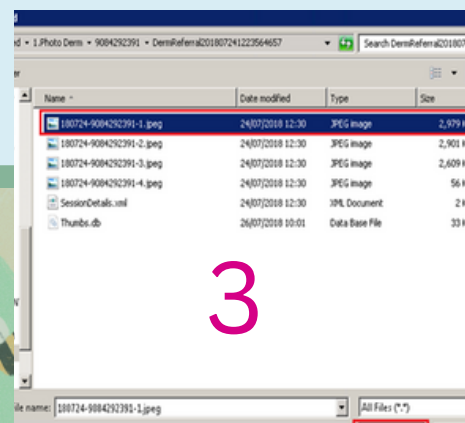
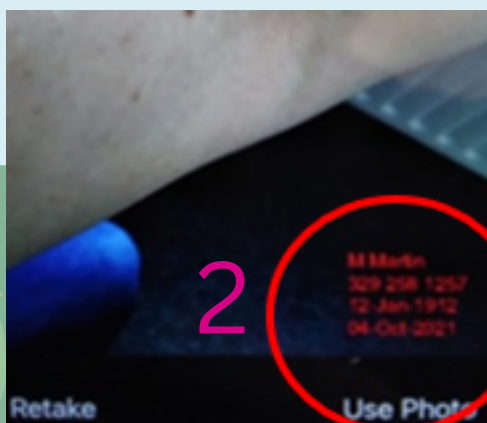
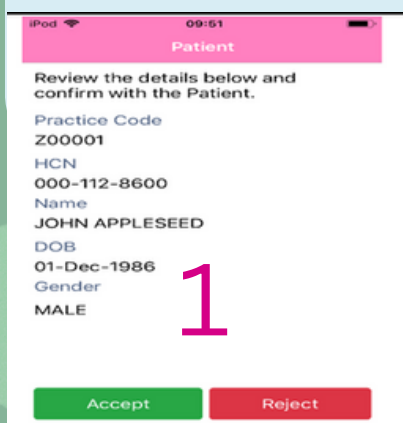
Governance for Referrals with Incorrect Photos and/or Information

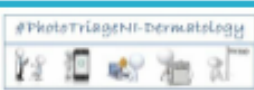
In January 2025 we launched the 'NI Regional Dermatology Photo Triage Pathway Protocol for Managing Referrals with Incorrect Photos'. The aim of this protocol is to outline the procedures to be followed when an incorrect photo or information is attached to another patient's referral.

In order to ensure patient safety, maintain data integrity and comply with HSC Information Governance standards please remember to check that the correct images are attached to your patient's referral before submission.

Helpful Tips

1. When patient's consent barcode is scanned, patient's information will be displayed on the Photo Triage SMARTDerm App. Always check and click to confirm
2. Patients H&C number should appear as a watermark in the right hand corner of your images
3. Once Images are transferred to the '1_photoderm' folder' each file will be named as follows: Date-HCN-photo number, always check this is correct
4. Click date modified in this folder to ensure the last photos uploaded are at the top of the list
5. Once images have been attached to the referral, by selecting the edit icon, this will allow you to open and view each photo on screen prior to submission.





Share your feedback with us



Scan the QR code and share your experience of the **Dermatology Photo Triage** referral pathway

<https://online.hscni.net/our-work/gps/investment-in-gp-practices/dermatology-photo-triage/>

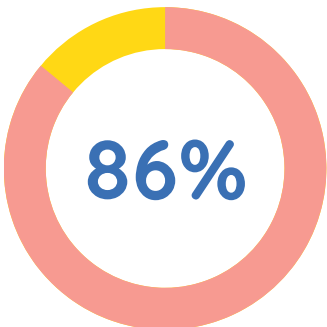
New Patient Feedback Survey and QR Code

The Photo Triage Patient Feedback Survey has recently been revised. From April 2025 onwards, please use the new survey and QR code poster available in Appendix (1) of the NILES.

We would ask you to dispose of all old stock and replace with new versions.

Thank You

2024/25 Patient Feedback



86% of patients confirming they would be happy to use the service again

Patient Feedback

A really good service that allows patients with potentially serious issues to be seen by relevant experts speedily. Great work!

Good communication from Doctor and Nurses involved. Procedure was pain free and I was made to feel at ease. Information leaflet given on discharge.

Staff were v friendly as was the GP and made me feel at ease; everything was explained very thoroughly, so the whole experience was certainly less stressful than I expected

I was very impressed with the photo triage pathway from start to finish. All very efficient, professional and reassuring.

Excellent service; well explained; seen very quickly; all doctors & staff involved were informative, friendly & helpful

Doctor obviously very busy but managed to explain everything and carry out the biopsy all within 15-20 mins. I never felt hurried and was grateful for the appointment

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In this season's edition we meet Senior Skin Cancer Specialist Nurse Iona McCormack who works for Action Cancer Big Bus. Many thanks Iona for being such a good sport.



Meet Iona McCormack

How long have you been a Senior Skin Cancer Specialist Nurse? **21 Years**

What's the best part of working on the Action Cancer Big Bus? **Reaching those in their local community that may not have sought advice.**

Who inspires you?

Those who do the right thing and lift people up, kind, caring, supportive, friends I trained with over 40 years ago

What show are you currently binge-watching?
Bas Sisters Series 2

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? **Join the Navy**

What's your idea of a perfect day? **Breakfast with family and Remi at Indigo Portrush, walk from East Strand down to White Rocks and back into the town. A wee trip to the White House, I never leave empty handed. A late afternoon flight to London to a Show or concert as my day starts at 6 regardless, so lots of time for all that.**

What's the best concert you've been to?

The most recent Eagles at the Sphere in Vegas – most amazing concert and venue

What's the best place you've travelled to?

Canadian Rockies

What's the best book you've read recently?

Well, that's embarrassing – since my Independent Prescribing course many years ago I lost my love of reading, but will get back to it – all reading is work related so sad!!

What three items would you take with you to a deserted island? **Music, sun cream and a good book that I would at last have time to read**

Biggest achievement to date?
Nurse of the Year 2009

What's your favourite food?
Sea Bass

Do you have any pets?

Yes a Miniature Schnauzer – best wee dog in the world

How would your friends describe you?

Kind, caring, maybe too honest and direct

Thank you!



Nominations for the 2025 RCN Nursing Awards closed on 13 January 2025

Congratulations to Iona McCormack and Roisin Hill who were nominated in two categories and are finalists in the below category:

Digital Innovation in Nursing Award

The awards ceremony will take place at the Culloden Hotel on 5 June 2025. All the very best of luck Iona and Roisin.