



**GIG**  
CYMRU  
**NHS**  
WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol  
Aneurin Bevan  
University Health Board

## **Pre-operative Patient Information: Skin Surgery**

### **Surgical Procedure under Local Anaesthetic**

## **Welcome to the Department and Hospital**

This leaflet explains what to expect when you attend for your operation / procedure. Your operation or procedure will be performed as a day case (so you will go home the same day).

### **Before your appointment**

- You must make arrangements to be driven home, accompanied by a responsible adult after your operation that can be your point of contact for 24 hours after your procedure.
- You must have access to a telephone at home in the event you experience any problems after you have been discharged.
- If you live alone you will need someone available to help you for the first 24 hours.
- If you feel unwell the day before your surgery, please contact our department for advice before you come in.
- Please bring in a list of any tablets/medication that you are taking at the moment.
- Please take your usual tablets/medication unless told otherwise on the day of your surgery.
- Please inform us if you are taking Warfarin or other blood thinners before you come in.
- Please make sure you have had something to eat and drink before you come.
- Please do not wear jewellery or facial makeup.

## **During your appointment**

- The surgeon will explain the operation and check you understand before the consent form is signed.
- You will be given time to ask any questions.
- You may be asked to change into a hospital gown.
- The surgeon will give you some injections to make sure the area is numb before starting your operation.
- You will be awake throughout your surgery

## **Following your surgery**

- The nurse will provide you with written and verbal information before you go home.
- You will be given appointments for the removal of any stitches/clips/dressings and your results.
- **Please Note:** In some instances patients are asked to return to clinic to monitor the progress of healing over several weeks.

**If you have any problems please ring the following number:  
01633 238372 between the hours 0900-1700hrs**

**“This document is available in Welsh /  
Mae’r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg”.**