

## WAIKATO DHB REFERRAL GUIDELINE

### Simple Skin Cancer Protocol for Elderly – Primary treatment with Radiotherapy

Refer directly to Radiation Oncology Department

Patients will wait ~4-6 weeks to be seen

Treatment will be started within 28 days of being seen

Treatment schedules: 1-10 treatments over 2 weeks

#### Eligibility:

Age  $\geq$  65 years

De novo presentation – not a recurrence post surgery

BCC or SCC, punch biopsy proven,  $\leq$  1.5cm diameter,  $\leq$  0.5cm depth, mobile

#### Side effects:

Short term - initial redness, dry scab, resolution within ~ 6-8 weeks.

Long term – thinning and scarring of treated skin, loss of hair in treatment site

#### Outcomes:

Local control ~90-95% @ 5 years

(Lovett et al Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 1990 Aug;19(2):235-42)

#### Follow up:

6-8 week check; if all well then discharge back to GP

Decision to proceed with radiotherapy at discretion of consulting Radiation Oncologist

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