

DERMASCOPE TRAINING 2025/26

Organised by the BNSSG ICB Cancer Team.

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Delivered online by Chin Whybrew - online sessions delivered via Zoom, and presented by Dr Chin Whybrew. Chin is a GP in Cheltenham with a passion for primary care dermatology, and dermoscopy in particular. She has been teaching dermoscopy since 2012, for the Cardiff dermoscopy course, Primary Care Dermatology Society and independently for practices and CCGs across the UK.

- If someone has had no dermoscopy education they need to start with the first session and ideally attend all three
- If have had some education then they are free to join any session

Part 1 - Dermoscopy for beginners: Thursday 04.09.2025

The objectives of Part 1 are to:

- be able to know how to use a dermatoscope, and understand the different types of dermoscopy
- be able to recognise common benign lesions such as angiomas, seborrheic keratoses and dermatofibromas with confidence
- be able to state the role of dermoscopy in primary care

This is a half day online interactive course with plenty of opportunity to practice assessing lesions and covers

- how dermoscopy works and practical tips, including how to get good dermoscopy photos and troubleshooting tips
- a practical demonstration of the commonly used scopes. This includes how to turn it on, focus it, charge it, clean it etc.
- interpretation of dermoscopic structures in benign lesions (and how this always needs to be taken in clinical context)
 - Seborrhoeic keratosis
 - Angiomas
 - Warts
 - Dermatofibromas
 - Sebaceous hyperplasia
 - Comedones
- interpretation of dermoscopic structures (and how this always needs to be taken in clinical context)
 - Basal Cell Carcinomas (BCCs)
 - Melanomas
- how to put it all together into a simple algorithm
- other uses of dermoscopy in primary care

Part 2 - Dermoscopy for beginners: Thursday 02.10.2025

This is an online follow up session from Part 1. Clinicians are recommended prior to attending the course should get used to handling the scope for several weeks in between the two sessions.

The objectives of Part 2 are to:

- be able to recognise common pitfalls when using a dermatoscope
- be able to describe the features of melanomas on palms and soles
- be able to list features which distinguish nail melanomas from nail haematomas
- be aware of potential pitfalls when trying to diagnose lesions on the face

and covers

- a recap of how to use the scope, benign lesions and BCCs
- Actinic Keratosis, Bowens and (Squamous Cell Carcinoma) SCC
- special sites – palms and soles, faces
- more about naevi and melanomas
- more BCCs including pigmented and superficial BCCs

Part 3 - Dermoscopy for not-so-beginners: Thursday 06.11.2025

This is the follow up session from Parts 1 and 2 and again clinicians are recommended to practice with the scope for several weeks in between the first two parts and the third part.

The objectives of Part 3 Refresher are to:

- feel more confident with diagnosing benign lesions
- be aware of the need to use the dermatoscope differently when evaluating rashes

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- a recap of common benign lesions
- introducing a new algorithm – chaos and clues
- a few other uses of dermoscopy
- lots of interactive practice!