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**Clinical practice “The skin cancer screening in primary care”**

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Skin cancer is increasing in Portugal. Usually, it takes up to a year to have a dermatological consult, which can be crucial for treatment of malignant skin lesions. To improve diagnosis and treatment of pre-malignant and malignant skin lesions, a skin cancer screening consult was created in a Portuguese primary care clinic.

**Aim:** To identify patients with pre-malignant and malignant skin lesions, to characterize them, to treat pre-malignant lesions and refer patients with malignant skin lesion to dermatologist.

**Methods:** each GP of this clinic referred his patients with the suspicious skin lesion to skin cancer screening consult. During this consult, a well trained GP performed dermatoscopy with a manual dermatoscope and referred those who had highly suspicious skin lesions.

**Results:** during 6 months 40 patients were observed, 4 of them were referred to dermatologist - 1 patient with melanoma and 3 with atypical nevi.

**Conclusion:** this practice demonstrated a significant reduction of referrals to dermatologist and possibility to provide effective skin cancer screening in Primary Care.