

# Alphega Pharmacy is piloting a mole screening service that could detect skin cancer

Due to the increase in the number of cases of skin cancer (malignant melanoma) and the lack of awareness of both the risks of skin cancer or how to detect suspicious moles, Alphega Pharmacy is now offering a mole screening service within its pharmacies. This will help people become more informed of the dangers of skin cancer and provide increased and easy access to mole screening.

## Who is most at risk?

People with fair skin who burn easily, have lots of moles or freckles, have red or fair hair, were frequently sunburnt as a child or have a family history of skin cancer are most at risk. However, everyone should check their moles regularly for changes in appearance.

## What to look for?

The appearance of a new mole or a change to an existing mole. Areas of the body exposed to the sun are most at risk, with the most common places for a melanoma to develop being on a woman's lower leg and on the back for men

## The mole screening service – what's involved?

If you are concerned about any of your moles, the mole screening service is a very quick and painless way to check your moles for peace of mind. Any moles causing concern are scanned using the latest

imaging technology in the pharmacy, capturing the depth and shape of the mole. The images are then sent for analysis by a private dermatologist and you'll receive the results within two weeks.

**Scanning costs £45 for the first two moles and £15 per extra mole - significantly cheaper than visiting a private dermatologist.**

## Why is Alphega Pharmacy offering a mole screening service in its pharmacies?

At Alphega Pharmacy, we recognise that we all lead busy lives and are often time short. So we are offering the mole screening service within the pharmacy to enable you to check out any concerning mole as quickly as possible.

For your convenience, many Alphega pharmacies are open in the evenings and at weekends. You can also pick up a handy mole guide at your local

Alphega pharmacy to help you regularly check your own moles for any changes.

The mole screening service is being offered in conjunction with ScreenCancer UK and is available in 25 Alphega pharmacies around the UK.

## Want to find out more?

Visit [www.alphega-pharmacy.co.uk](http://www.alphega-pharmacy.co.uk) for a full list of pharmacies offering the mole screening service and for more information about this service.

