



## **Minor surgery at the Thorndike**

When considering putting a patient on the Minor Surgery list:

- We cannot remove lesions for cosmetic reasons. There must be a clearly stated functional problem resulting from the lesion.
- Please make sure they are not taking antiplatelet agents or warfarin (these should be referred to secondary care unless first discussed with AM). Aspirin is ok.
- Smokers should be encouraged to quit (or at least stop in the run up to and immediately after the time of the procedure) and diabetic control should be as good as possible.
- If the patient is unsure about the procedure or if there is uncertainty as to whether it is suitable to have it done in house, please either ask AM to come and look at the time of your initial consult or get the patient to book in for a routine consultation before adding them to the list.
- If possible, please give the patient the PIL (mentor or [patient.co.uk](http://patient.co.uk)) for the condition you have diagnosed as well as the general minor surgery information leaflet and the appropriate procedure information leaflet.