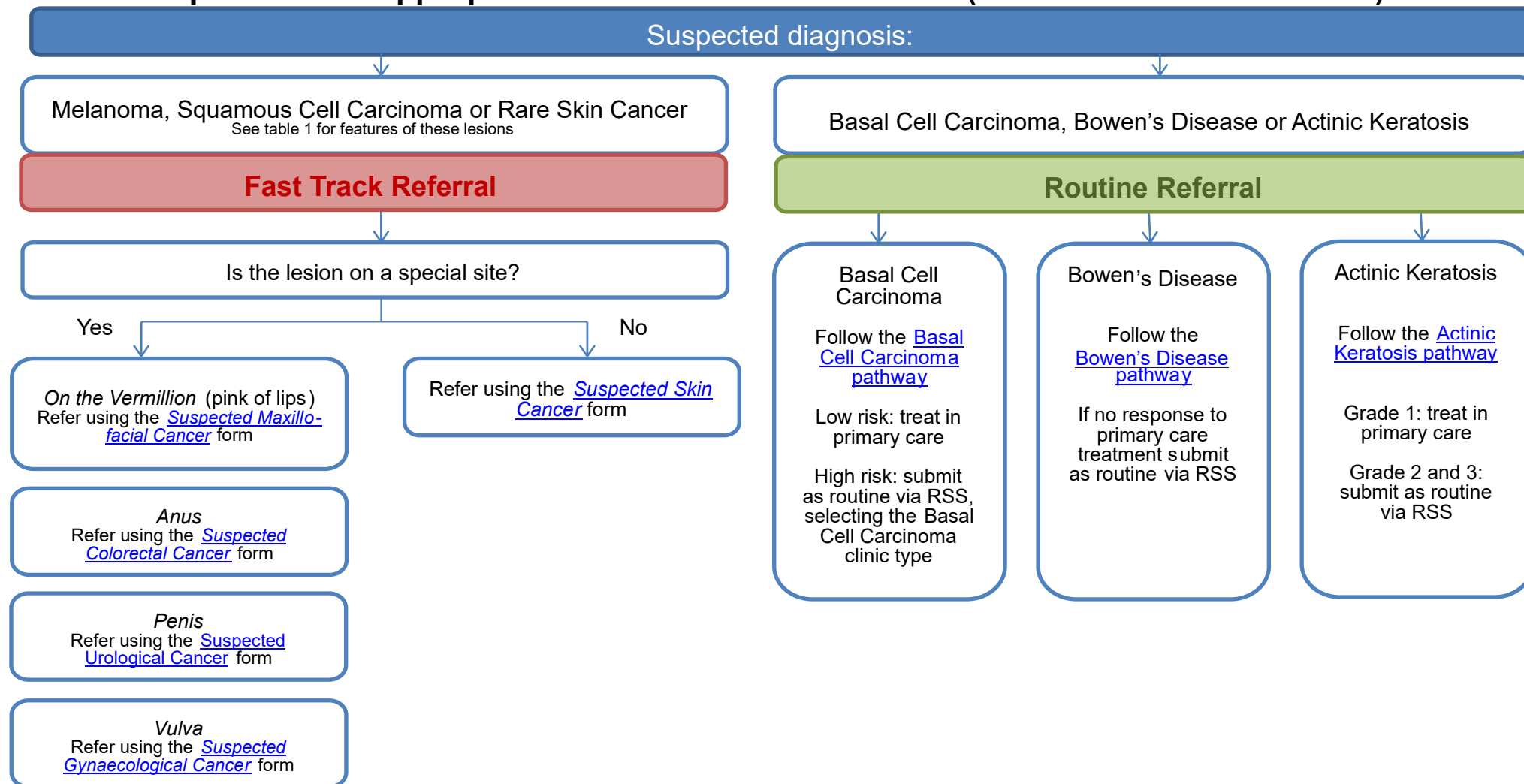


Suspected Skin Cancer Guidance

Which skin patients are appropriate for a 'Fast-Track' referral? (To be seen within 2 weeks)



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Table 1 – Features of Melanomas and Squamous Cell Carcinomas

Melanoma	Score of 3+ from this 7-point weighted checklist Major features of lesion (scoring 2 points each) • Change in size • Irregular shape • Irregular colour Minor features of lesion (scoring 1 point each) • Largest diameter 7mm or more • Inflammation • Oozing • Change in sensation	Remember: Melanomas may look like a pyogenic granuloma  Photograph taken from http://www.pcds.org.uk/clinical-guidance/pyogenic-granuloma#
Squamous Cell Carcinoma SCC	Possible Features • Growing in size • Non-healing ulcer • Commonly on face, scalp, back of hand • Induration on palpation • Hard/keratotic surface • Easy bleeding/friable nodule • Occurring in immunosuppressed patient	Remember: SCCs and melanomas may be amelanotic/friable  Photograph taken from http://www.pcds.org.uk/clinical-guidance/melanoma-an-overview1#!prettyPhoto

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