

Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Hyfrecation

What is hyfrecation?

The **hyfrecator** is a device used to rapidly and selectively destroy tissue by the passage of an electric current through the tip of the hyfrecator as it touches the skin. This will burn off the tissue in question.

Hyfrecation is used to treat a number of skin conditions. Small skin lesions can be treated without anaesthesia but you may require topical or local anaesthesia.

You may experience slight burning or stinging during hyfrecation.

Please let your doctor know if you have an implanted cardiac pacemaker as the electric current can interfere with it.

Following hyfrecation

- After the procedure, you will see a small burn mark at the site of hyfrecation.
- Following treatment the skin should be kept clean and you may be asked to apply a moisturiser to the treated area.
- You need to watch out for signs of infection such as discharge of pus or increasing redness and pain. Otherwise, the area should heal within one to two weeks.
- The amount of scarring is minimal but depends on the site having hyfrecation and varies from person to person.
- If you have any questions, please ask the outpatient's local anaesthetic staff at the hospital or your GP.

Contact numbers

- 01223 216098 Clinic 7 between 8am until 6pm Monday to Friday
- 01223 216092 Clinic 7 answer phone



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