

Doctor uses Safe Clinical Photography to manage skin lesion

Dr Emma Cull discusses how she takes secure clinical photos using Safe Clinical Photography (PhotoSAF) via the Consultant Connect App.



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Dr Emma Cull works at Kidderminster Medical Centre. Dr Cull has been a GP for eleven years and uses the Safe Clinical Photography (PhotoSAF) feature on the Consultant Connect App to securely take clinical photos of patients on her mobile phone.

Before having access to PhotoSAF, Dr Cull, like many other GPs, took clinical photos “on a practice camera.” PhotoSAF is a quicker and more efficient option as mobiles are often to hand and already charged.

Dr Cull says that she prefers to use PhotoSAF as;

“ Photos are securely stored instead of being on a device that could be lost or misplaced. They are also available to download and to be sent by email to a clinician. I can use PhotoSAF on my mobile phone, so it is great for home visits and there is no need for multiple cameras or devices. ”

Dr Cull recommends PhotoSAF to other GPs and advises that;

“ it is a secure cloud-based system that is easily used on your mobile phone with no use of personal phone memory. It can also be used with your NHS email account. ”

We asked Dr Cull to tell us about a time she used PhotoSAF to help a patient:

GP uses PhotoSAF to decide the correct course of action for a patient

A 50-year-old man presented with a “solitary lesion on [his] leg.” Dr Cull used PhotoSAF via the Consultant Connect App to take a picture and to “gain the opinion [of her] colleagues on a way forward for managing the condition.”

How PhotoSAF helped:

Dr Cull was able to download the pictures from the secure cloud and to then share them with her colleagues. Upon review, they decided that a biopsy was required. The patient is now waiting for the procedure. Since PhotoSAF allows doctors to attach the patient’s NHS number (as well as any notes) to the image, Dr Cull was able to easily identify the photo and store it in the patient’s medical record for future direct comparison.

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