

Safe Clinical Photography saves secondary referral

Dr Clive Anggiansah, a GP in Bexley CCG, discusses how he uses Safe Clinical Photography (PhotoSAF) via the Consultant Connect App to benefit his patients.

Dr Anggiansah works at Lyndhurst Medical Centre in Bexley CCG. He uses PhotoSAF to take pictures of his patients. GPs in the same area as Dr Anggiansah also use Phone Advice & Guidance enabling them to immediately contact local consultants. This service is commissioned by the CCG and provided by Consultant Connect.

Before PhotoSAF was introduced in Bexley, Dr Anggiansah was unable to take secure photos of his patients' conditions as he:

“ did not previously have this facility. ”

He adds that he likes using PhotoSAF because:

“ It is IG compliant and photos are automatically uploaded to the cloud, ready to be safely added to the clinical system when needed. ”

Dr Anggiansah has used PhotoSAF on multiple occasions for cases including:

“ dermatology imaging so I can receive a prompt opinion on skin rashes and lesions. Skin lesions that I am unsure about can also be photographed and sent for review. These sometimes include atypical seborrheic warts or questionable moles. ”

Dr Anggiansah encourages other GPs to use PhotoSAF and provides the following advice:

“ Try it. It is simple to use and saves you time. Many GPs no longer work alone or full time, so having secure photographic records can help when other clinicians see your patients. ”

We asked Dr Anggiansah to describe a recent example of when he used PhotoSAF to benefit a patient.

Referral avoided for patient with skin cancer concern

A patient was concerned he “might have developed changes to a skin cancer incision scar but examination revealed no concerning features.” Dr Anggiansah used PhotoSAF on the Consultant Connect App to take a photo of the patient and later downloaded it so that it could be “reviewed at intervals.”

How PhotoSAF helped:

When the scar was reviewed at intervals, the photos “evidenced no change.” Dr Anggiansah was pleased with the use of PhotoSAF as it saved the patient “further anxiety.” He also highlighted that a secondary care referral was avoided – saving time for both the patient and local consultants.

Why do GPs like PhotoSAF?

- ✓ IG secure and GDPR compliant
- ✓ Easy and convenient to take photos
- ✓ Option to add notes and NHS number
- ✓ Can download and send to other clinicians or store to the patient's medical record
- ✓ Photos can be used to monitor and review worrying skin conditions

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