

# Information about PeIN (Penile Intraepithelial Neoplasia)

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## What is PeIN?

PeIN means that there are abnormal cells or growths that can look like ulcers or warts on the surface of the skin of your penis. These abnormal cells or growths may become cancer and spread into nearby normal tissue if not treated.

## How is it diagnosed?

Your GP will have examined you and referred you to a urologist (specialist doctor) for further investigations.

Sometimes men have already seen a dermatologist (doctor specialising in skin conditions) or a sexual health specialist. They may have done a biopsy (sample of the abnormal patch of skin). This will have been examined under a microscope to check for abnormal cells. If PeIN or cancer has been seen or if your doctor thinks that cancer cells may be present you will be referred to a specialist urologist.

## How is it treated?

The aim of treatment is to preserve the appearance of your penis and its function. Your doctor will discuss which treatment is the most appropriate for you and give you further information as required.

- **Creams**

Your doctor may prescribe cream to treat the affected area. This could be a chemotherapy cream such as fluorouracil (5FU) or imiquimod cream.

- **Minor surgery**

You might be offered laser therapy to the affected area. Or your doctor may recommend removing the affected skin. If so, you will receive further information as relevant.

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## What happens next?

You will be given a follow-up appointment to come back to the clinic so that the doctor can assess the effect of your treatment and discuss any further treatment that might be necessary.

## Further information

If you have any questions you would like to ask, you can contact the specialist nurses or the ward directly, using the numbers below.

Monday to Friday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm:

**Urology Oncology Nurse Specialists (Key workers)**

Telephone: 0116 258 4637

Outside these hours:

**Urology Emergency Admissions (24 hours)**

Telephone: 0116 258 4247

## Orchid

[www.orchid-cancer.org.uk](http://www.orchid-cancer.org.uk)

National male cancer helpline: 0808 802 0010

Website with further information that you may find helpful.

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