

PEMPHIGOID (provisional diagnosis)

Please note this is our provisional diagnosis which must be confirmed by tests. If you have any questions, particularly about the treatment or potential side-effects, please ask Professor.

- This is an uncommon condition
- The cause is unknown but it may be immunological
- It is not thought to be inherited
- It is not thought to be infectious
- It occasionally affects the skin, eyes or other sites
- It usually has no long-term consequences
- Blood tests and biopsy may be required
- Pemphigoid may be controlled but rarely cured with medicines
- Useful website <http://www.dent.ucla.edu/pic/members/MMP/>

A patient has the right under common law to give or withhold consent to medical examination of treatment. This is one of the basic principles of health care. Patients are entitled to receive sufficient information in a way they can understand about the proposed treatments, the possible alternatives and any substantial risk or risks which may be special in kind or magnitude or special to the patient, so that they can make a balanced judgement. (UK Health Dept. 19.2.99. HSC 1999/031)

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