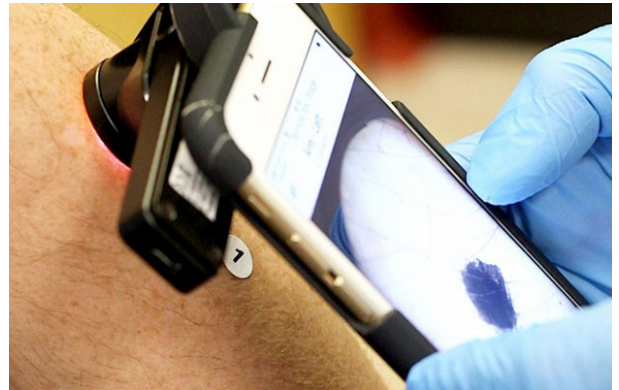




Happy New Year to everyone in the IMI Telederm SIG

This group started on the back of several posts and lots of telederm chat on the IMI Members Facebook group. People's thirst for knowledge suggested the need for a peer-based group to exchange ideas and knowledge in this exciting area of clinical photography. After a few emails back and forth a proposal was put to IMI Council to set up a Telederm Special Interest Group (SIG). Twelve months on, with 4 meetings and over 50 members, this newsletter looks back at 2023 and into the new year.



2023 presentations

A consultant's perspective of telederm:

Dr Atwan, Consultant Dermatologist, presented on the highs and lows, pros and cons, and results and lessons learnt on the implementation of the Teledermoscopy pathway at the Aneurin Bevan University HB, and about the approach for the All Wales Teledermoscopy Implementation Programme.

Three services offering telederm services:

Becky spoke about two telederm pathways running at University Hospitals Birmingham, one in primary and one in secondary care. Ceri talked about implementing a standardised pathway across all of Wales, and the benefits this has to patients who are geographically spread. Jason presented on teledermatology in the private sector and how this works, the challenges and waiting list pressures.

Clinic set-up for on demand telederm:

Simon shared how thinking outside of the box can help to address challenges when finding much needed space to set up telederm clinics and how we can use our skills as clinical photographers to create high quality images in a variety of challenging locations.

IMI Conference 2023

In Cardiff we held a workshop to catch up with where we were, what was on the horizon for telederm and how IMI was going to support the activity going forward. It was great to hear about the variety of telederm pathways around the country, and in many cases, how photographers have been integral to the process. Sadly, there are some struggling in getting the recognition they deserve, but we hope that the support and resource of the SIG will help members going forward.

We plan to keep going in 2024. We have built a good foundation in sharing expertise and creating resources for members, and can now focus on telederm in detail.

Future topics include:

- Best background colour for dermatology
- Identifying lesions
- It's all about the referrals
- To gel or not to gel
- Managing patient expectations

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting:

Friday, 2nd February 2024

If you would like to offer a presentation or workshop or have ideas for future topics, please get in touch!

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