

Cryosurgery is the freezing of selected tissues, in this case by the use of the cryogun.

Due to swelling of the tissues, there is often some minor discomfort for up to an hour following treatment. Occasionally this minor discomfort can persist for a few hours, in which case, aspirin or paracetamol may be taken.

The treated areas are usually red, itchy, and often blister, and in most cases the blisters should be simply left as they are. However it is also acceptable to pop them with a sterile needle, or to cover them with a Band-Aid.

After a few days the treated areas may weep or ooze, and once again, in most cases, they should be simply left alone. Areas on the face heal after 7-10 days. Areas on the body can take up to 4-5 weeks to heal – this is normal. A crust will often form after 7-14 days.

Please advise us if there is any prolonged discomfort or if you are unhappy with the progress, as a secondary infection can occasionally occur.

Sometimes further treatment may be necessary, and this is usually done after three to four weeks.

Do not be concerned by the initial appearance of the skin as the final cosmetic result is usually very good although skin colour at the treated sites can be slightly altered to a pink or white colour by loss of pigment. Very rarely, additional pigment can develop. Improvement in the appearance continues for up to twelve months.