



TOTAL BODY PHOTOGRAPHY AT BODY SCAN SKIN CANCER CLINIC

COMBINED GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM

Our Canfield IntelliStudio photography system captures high resolution images of your skin to assist with the monitoring of moles and skin lesions over time. The images provide your clinician with a detailed record of your skin and can help identify new or changing lesions at future appointments. Artificial intelligence incorporated into the software can be applied to help identify lesions of note. Total body photography does not replace a standard skin examination by a clinician. Other names for total body photography include “mole mapping”, “whole body skin imaging” and “melanoma surveillance imaging”.

Who would benefit from total body photography?

Not everyone requires total body photography. It is beneficial for individuals at higher risk for skin cancer, including those with:

- Many moles (high naevus count)
- Multiple large, irregular moles
- A personal or family history of skin cancer, especially melanoma
- Significant sun/ultraviolet (UV) exposure
- History of multiple peeling or blistering sunburns
- A weakened immune system (immunosuppression)
- Fair skin prone to sunburn
- A known genetic melanoma syndrome

Reasons to not do total body photography

- No risk factors
- Cost
- Unable to stand up unsupported with arms raised
- Limited life expectancy
- Photosensitive epilepsy
- Not wanting your photos stored indefinitely and concern for data storage and cybersecurity
- Planning to travel away and unable to follow up serial photography and skin examinations

Preparing for your appointment

To help us capture the clearest and most comprehensive images possible:

- Have no makeup and no fake tan
- Please have a recent shower to remove grime and foreign material from the skin
- Remove jewellery, watches and wearable devices prior to your appointment
- Wear clothing that can be quickly removed. Please wear brief-style underwear. Avoid boxer shorts or other underwear that covers a larger area of skin. You are required to wear underwear.
- If you have long hair, please bring a hair tie so your hair can be secured away from your neck, shoulders and back
- If you have significant body hair, trimming or clipping may help improve visibility of the underlying skin

What to expect during your appointment

Your photographer will explain the imaging process and answer any questions before you begin. A consent form needs to be completed at your first photography appointment.

You will be asked to remove your outer clothing, jewellery and glasses as required for the photography. Underwear will remain on at all times.

We will check if you want bra off for photos. This is optional.

You will be guided into a series of positions while the images are captured. There will be several bright flashes during the photography process.

Once your images have been checked, additional close-up photographs may be taken of particular moles or lesions if required.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there any radiation?

No. Total body photography uses digital cameras and does not expose you to radiation.

How long does the photography appointment take?

Expect 40 minutes. It may be quicker if you are prepared, do not have many skin spots, and there are no significant findings.

Can I stop the photography at any time?

Yes. Please let your photographer know at any time if you are uncomfortable, need a break or would like the photography to stop. Fees will still apply.

What happens to my images?

Your images form part of your clinical record and are handled and stored in accordance with Body Scan Skin Cancer Clinic's privacy and information-handling procedures.

Do I need a referral?

No. You do not need a referral to have total body photography done at Body Scan Skin Cancer Clinic.

Do I need a skin check as well?

Yes. Your photography will be booked with a full skin examination by one of our qualified dermal therapists or nurses. This way, you will only need to see a doctor if lesions of concern are identified.

Will the photography appointment include a doctor consultation to undertake biopsies, prescriptions and referrals?

No. If a doctor consultation is desired or recommended, you will need to arrange this afterwards. You are welcome to see a doctor at Body Scan Skin Cancer Clinic (their usual fees apply without discount) or if you want to see a doctor outside of our clinic, we can email you a report indicating significant findings from the photography appointment.

What is the cost?

The current price will be displayed on our website www.bodyscanclinic.com.au and on a notice in our reception. There is no Medicare or DVA rebate for photography. Cost will include GST. Some private health funds may provide a rebate for total body photography. We cannot process this claim for you, which means you will need to lodge the claim with an invoice and proof of payment to your private health fund. To minimise costs, it is recommended you undertake a photography appointment prior to arranging a doctor appointment. If you miss an appointment, are significantly late, or cancel within 24 hours, a fee will apply, and you will not be able to book further appointments until this is paid.

I consent to total body photography being performed as part of my skin health assessment. The photographs will include identifiable images of my body and are considered personal and health information. To obtain clear and comprehensive photos and allow as much of the skin as possible to be photographed, I may be asked to remove my bra. Underwear to cover genitals will remain on at all times.

I understand that photographs of my skin and body will be taken and may be used by my treating healthcare professionals to:

- Document the appearance and location of skin lesions and moles.
- Assist with monitoring my skin for new or changing lesions over time.
- Compare images taken at future appointments.
- Assist with my ongoing clinical assessment and care.

I understand that total body photography is a monitoring and assessment tool and does not replace examination by a qualified healthcare professional or guarantee the detection of skin cancer. The photography only includes unobscured skin, with common blind spots including hair bearing skin, genitals, body folds, palms and soles. Please advise your clinician during your skin check if you have lesions to examine on these areas.

I understand that photography system uses bright flashing lights during image capture. I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, I do not have photosensitive epilepsy or any other condition known to be triggered by flashing lights.

Photography & Privacy

I understand that:

- My images and information will be accessible to my clinical team at Body Scan Skin Cancer Clinic.
- Canfield Scientific Inc. may access information where required to operate, maintain and support its system.
- My information will not be sold or distributed for unrelated purposes without my consent, except where required by law.
- Electronic storage and communication systems use security measures to protect personal information; however, no electronic system can be guaranteed to be completely secure.
- My images will be permanently stored on the secured software used to take my personal body imaging and clinical photos for medical purposes.

- Reports with significant findings and recommendations may be emailed to me, and it is therefore my responsibility to provide a secure and monitored email address for such information.
- When required, a complete file containing all photos can be made available to me via a password protected USB drive. There will be costs associated with this including the USB, administration time and postage. Please understand that complete files are too large to be emailed or file shared.
- I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the photography procedure and the storage and use of my images.
- I understand that this consent remains in effect unless I withdraw it by notifying the clinic. Withdrawal of consent will not affect information that the clinic is legally required to retain.

By signing below, I confirm that I consent to total body photography at Body Scan Skin Cancer Clinic and the collection, use and storage of my images and relevant personal information as described above. I have read all information in this document regarding general information and consent.

Patient Name: _____

D.O.B: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Practitioner: _____