



Laser treatment for lichen sclerosus: Professional and public perception

Thank you for your interest in this study.

We at the University of Nottingham, in collaboration with The British Society for the Study of Vulval Disease, are investigating the thoughts of patients, the public and health professionals in using laser therapy for lichen sclerosus (LS).

The aim of this study is to find out what you know and what you think of laser as a potential treatment option for LS affecting the vulva (female genital skin).

You can take part if you:

- Are over 18
- Have experience of LS affecting the vulva (either as a patient with LS, as a representative of a child/person with LS, or a healthcare professional treating LS).

What does taking part involve?

You will be given some questions to read and then answer. It should take about 10 minutes. No background knowledge is required. The information collected will be used to guide the development of teaching and training programs for health professionals and information leaflets for patients.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you whether or not you take part. Even if you do agree to take part, you may withdraw from the study at any time. Please be aware that if you do withdraw, we will not be able to remove any data you have already provided. Withdrawing from the study will not affect your future care.

Will the information I provide be kept confidential?

Yes. Study data may be looked at by the team of researchers at the University of Nottingham who are working on this project, however, any personal details will be stored separately from the results. All data will be reported anonymously. Anonymous research data may be used to support other research in the future and may be shared with other researchers including those working outside the University. See our privacy notice [here](#).

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Who are the research team?

This questionnaire is for a medical student (BMedsci) project. The principal researchers are Miss Divya Prabhu and Miss Mischa Mortleman, who are attached to the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology at the University of Nottingham. This project is being completed under the supervision of Dr Rosalind Simpson, Dr Lisa Kirby and Dr Laura Howells.

What if I have more questions or concerns?

If you have any questions about this project, you may contact the research team



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If they are unable to resolve your concern or you wish to make a complaint regarding the study, please contact: FMHS Research Ethics Committee Administrator, c/o The University of Nottingham, School of Medicine Education Centre, B Floor, Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre Campus, Nottingham University Hospitals, Nottingham, NG7 2UH and/or email: louise.sabir@nottingham.ac.uk

This project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Nottingham's Research Ethics Committee ref 36-0620.