

## Hyfrecator Treatments

- Electrical desiccation (hyfrecator) treatment is used to destroy certain lesions with heat
- Some small lesions may be treated without local anaesthetic, but some require topical anaesthetic cream or an injection of local anaesthetic
- The treatment is usually associated with minor discomfort
- It results in a scab being formed which takes 1 – 2 weeks to heal
- If a larger lesion is treated with a shave excision and cauterisation with hyfrecator the scabbing is usually more prominent and the skin may appear pink after the scab falls off. It usually settles back to normal within several days to weeks
- Sun protection is essential
- Vaseline or Paw paw ointment can be applied after to assist the healing process
- The cosmetic results are usually very satisfactory. There is a small risk of scarring, more with treatment of larger lesions.
- The treatment is contra-indicated in pregnancy and those with cardiac pacemakers