

Don't let your skin be the reason your operation is cancelled!

Every year, thousands of planned operations are cancelled in the NHS. One common reason for this is the condition of your skin – a problem which can often be avoided.

Your skin is essential for keeping bacteria out of the bloodstream which can lead to infections and cause problems with your new hip, knee or other implant.

This is why it is important for you to avoid cuts, grazes or even insect bites before your operation as these could all lead to your operation being cancelled on the day.

What to look out for:



If you notice any of these skin conditions before your operation, it's vital that you contact us to let us know.

Our specialist team will be able to discuss your concerns and decide if it is necessary for you to attend another assessment or provide advice about management of your condition. This will reduce the likelihood of your operation being cancelled on the day of surgery.

If you have any concerns about your skin, please contact our nursing team on: 01257 256340