

ELECTIVE SERVICES

Dermatology

- Dermatology is now a regional service with all referrals being graded at Tauranga Hospital by a specialist before appointing to clinics at either Tauranga or Whakatane Hospital.
- At present the estimated waiting time for semi urgent status (priority 2) is up to six months. This is dependent upon the number of urgent cases received and it may not be possible to meet the Ministry of Health guidelines. If we are not able to book an appointment within 6 months the referral will be returned back to the GP.
- At present we have a reduced FTE within this service due to staff vacancies and delays in appointing new staff members.
- For disease information please visit : <http://dermnetnz.org>

DERMATOLOGY - Bay of Plenty

FIRST SPECIALIST ASSESSMENTS	Wait Times
Waiting priority 1	Up to 6 weeks
Waiting priority 2	Up to 6 months
Waiting priority 3A	Not accepted
Waiting priority 3B	Not accepted