

## support the foundation

Our Foundation relies on the support of others to ensure we can continue with our commitment of providing world class care, education and research for skin disorders. See below for the range of ways on how you can support us.

### fundraise

Start fundraising with friends and family. Sign up for an existing event in your region or create your own event with our online Foundation fundraising page. Simply visit our website and refer to the 'fundraise now' button on the home page for your convenience.

Alternatively don't hesitate to contact us:  
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### donation

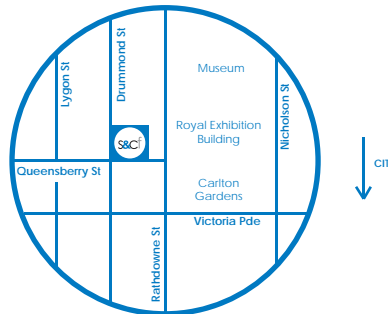
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### bequest

If you wish to make a bequest a member of our Foundation is available to talk with you regarding your preferred option in addition to discussing our recognition of support program.

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# hair & DCP clinic

## the skin & cancer foundation inc

The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc is Australia's leading specialist dermatology centre. It is a not-for-profit organisation specialising in the treatment, education and research of skin disorders.

Established in 1987, the Foundation offers patients peace of mind knowing that their skin is in expert hands. The Foundation provides the best in dermatology industry standards, and professional advice.

## the hair clinic

The Hair Clinic is one of a number of specialty clinics which operate at the Skin and Cancer Foundation Inc. The Hair Clinic is run by a consultant dermatologist, a team of dermatology registrars and nurses.

The Hair Clinic offers expert and clinical evaluation of hair related conditions, accurate diagnosis and appropriate and condition specific treatment.

## type of conditions assessed and treated

- Male/female pattern hair loss
- Male/female baldness
- Alopecia areata
- Other hair loss conditions



## duration of your consultation

Most standard consultations last half an hour, but please allow 1 - 2 hours. This allows time for more complex consultations and for any procedures that may need to be done such as biopsies.

## during your consultation

On the day of your initial consultation you will be seen by a dermatologist and a dermatology registrar. In most cases treatments used may continue to be prescribed by a patient's own general practitioner (GP).

The consultant will discuss and recommend the best treatment options and explain if any procedures are required.

You may be advised to use oral medication, or a topical medication may be prescribed. Consent for medical photography enabling us to monitor your hair condition may also be required.



## diphenylcyprone (DCP)

One of the topical medications that may be prescribed is a drug called DCP (diphenylcyprone). On the day of your consult appointment, if DCP has been prescribed, your dermatologist will apply a patch of DCP to your upper arm area. This is so you will be sensitised to the solution. After sensitisation, you will then need to wait 2 weeks prior to attending the DCP dose – finding clinic.

## the DCP dose finding clinic

This clinic is run by the nurses on a weekly basis. DCP comes in a variety of dose strengths we will need to find the dose which is the correct one for you.

At this clinic, a nurse will assess your progress and apply DCP to an area of your scalp once a week. The application of DCP begins with a very weak dose of the solution and gradually increases until you get a satisfactory reaction. This may take from 3 - 10 weeks.

Once the correct dose of DCP has been proven, a script for that dose will be given to you so you can commence treatment at home.

## follow up appointment

Depending on the treatment option, you may or may not be required to have a follow up appointment. The Doctor will confirm this with you on the day of consultation. If you have been treated with DCP, you will be required to have a review appointment with the Doctors in the Hair Clinic. This is usually in 3 months after DCP treatment is commenced.

## photography

Ordinary photographs are generally not sufficient to enable us to detect subtle changes in the amount of hair on your scalp. A professional medical photography service available at the Foundation specialising in scalp photography is open Monday to Friday during office hours.

## other information

On the day of your appointment, please ensure that you bring along:

- Medicare Card / Veterans Card
- Pension / Health Care Card
- List of your current medications

Please inform our doctors if you take any anti-coagulant medication such as Aspirin, Plavix or Warfarin.

## parking

There is metered parking available in the streets close by, in addition to 24 hour public parking off Pelham and Rathdowne Streets.