

# Moving the information, not the patient.

Otn.teledermSF® allows doctors to securely send photographs of a patient's skin condition and other relevant health information to an Ontario - based dermatologist.

The dermatologist reviews the file and provides a diagnosis and treatment plan.

Telederm allows timely access to dermatologists, reducing the cost, inconvenience and stress of travel for you.



## YOUR TELEDERM APPOINTMENT



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# OVERVIEW OF A TELEDERM APPOINTMENT

## How does Otn.teledermSF® work?

An Otn.teledermSF® appointment is just like a regular appointment, only in addition to an examination, your doctor will take digital photographs of your skin condition and will forward them electronically to a dermatologist.

The dermatologist will review the information, make a diagnosis and send treatment recommendations back to your doctor. Your doctor will follow up with you about the suggested treatment plan.

Occasionally the dermatologist may request that your doctor take additional pictures or perform a procedure to complete the diagnosis of your skin condition.

However, in the vast majority of cases, you will not have to travel to see the dermatologist for a face-to-face appointment.

This service is provided by OTN.

## Are my images private?

Yes! Your images are always private and secure. The images of your skin condition reside on a secure data server hosted by OTN. All images and personal health information are transmitted through an encrypted connection and physician access to the data is password protected & in accordance with the 'Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004'. For more information about OTN's privacy practices, visit the "Patients and Families" section of OTN's website ([www.otn.ca](http://www.otn.ca)) and click on "Personal Health Information".

## Is there a cost?

No. You will not be billed for this service. It is covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

## Where can I get more information about OTN?

If you have any questions about Otn.teledermSF®, please speak to your doctor. You can also visit OTN online at [www.otn.ca](http://www.otn.ca) or call 1-866-454-6861



### Step 1: Health Care Provider

Your health care provider takes a digital photograph of the affected area.



### Step 2: Document & Digital Image

The information is bundled with patient health data and "stored" on a secure server.



### Step 3: Specialist

The information is "forwarded" to the dermatologist who reviews your data and images and makes a diagnosis and treatment recommendation. This information is sent back to your health care provider.

The Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) is one of the largest and most active telemedicine networks in the world, using two-way videoconferencing and other technologies to provide access to care for patients in more than 1100 health care locations across the province. OTN also facilitates the delivery of distance education and meetings for health care professionals and patients.

An independent, not-for-profit organization, OTN is funded by the Government of Ontario. For more information, visit [www.otn.ca](http://www.otn.ca).