

Medical Photography

Sometimes a doctor will need to take pictures of a patient's injury.

Why do we take photographs?

The most common reason for taking pictures is to determine whether injuries are improving or for clinical sessions with colleagues, and, occasionally, to illustrate articles in books or medical journals. At times, they may be sent to colleagues who are experts in their fields to get their opinion of the case. Providing them with an image makes their job easier.

Can I be identified in the photograph?

No. Whenever pictures are taken, anything that could be used to identify an individual is kept hidden. Otherwise, the patient's consent is requested.

If they want to take a picture, does it mean I have a bad or rare disease?

No. Most of the photos that are taken are of common conditions, intended for use in teaching medical students and trainees or colleagues who have a scientific interest.

Can I refuse to be photographed?

Of course. Allowing a medical photograph to be taken is voluntary, which is why you will always be asked for your consent. If you do not agree to be photographed, it will not affect your treatment. Nonetheless, it is important to know that by giving authorization, you may be aiding a healthcare professional to improve their work.

Who will have access to my photo?

Only healthcare professionals with scientific aims. The photos will never be used for advertising purposes nor will they be used for awareness campaigns, without your express written consent.

Who is responsible for the proper use of my photograph?

The medical team that takes it. Photographs are treated in the same way as your medical records. The process is completely confidential and anonymous. Should the images be shown outside of the healthcare center for scientific purposes, it will not be possible for you to be identified.