

Medical Photography

During consultations, doctors sometimes need to take photographs of a patient's skin lesions to improve the accuracy of the diagnosis and facilitate follow-up care.

What is the purpose of taking photographs?

One of their primary applications is to enhance the accuracy of diagnoses and the effectiveness of treatments.

These assessments are typically initiated to request an evaluation from a relevant professional, such as a dermatologist or primary care physician, through a consultation facilitated by the computer program that is routinely utilized in our clinic.

In some cases, they are also used for educational purposes, such as among doctors on the team or medical students, or to illustrate publications in medical books and journals.

Can I be identified in the photograph?

No.

When taking photographs, it is essential to conceal any identifying features, particularly faces or tattoos, to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of the subjects.

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

No.

In most cases, standard process photographs are taken.

Obtaining an image of the injury can facilitate the diagnosis process and assist in monitoring its progression.

Is my consent required to take a medical photograph?

Yes.

We always request the explicit authorization and consent of the patient to take a photograph of a part of their body.

Is it possible to decline being photographed?

Absolutely.

Allowing a medical photograph to be taken is voluntary, which is why consent is always requested.

If you prefer not to be photographed, rest assured that it will not affect your treatment in any way. It is important to note that by granting authorization, you may be assisting a healthcare professional in enhancing their work.

Who will have access to the photographs?

Only healthcare professionals with clinical and scientific objectives, which will be recorded in the patient's medical history in the healthcare system's computer program, will have access to the photographs.

Please be advised that no record or copy of the photographs will be stored outside the computer system that houses your medical history.

The photographs will never be used for advertising or publicity purposes unless you have given written consent for this use.

Who is responsible for ensuring the proper use of my photographs?

The medical team will be responsible for its administration.

Photographs are handled in the same manner as medical records.

The process is completely confidential and anonymous.