Skin cancer in aging HIV positive patients

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Role of over 50's clinic in skin surveillance

 NICE recommends skin cancer surveillance for immunosuppressed transplant patients:
 – No current recommendations for HIV patients

 Increasing incidence of non-AIDS defining skin cancers

• Is routine skin screening necessary?







Basal cell carcinoma





Results

- 40 patients invited for screening:
 - mean age: 59 [50-78]
 - mean HIV duration: 12 years [0-29]
 - mean HAART duration: 12 years [0-25]
- 58% had pre-/cancerous skin lesions
 Either previous history of, or current
- 25% had previously undetected skin cancer
 mostly basal cell carcinomas



