

Did you know that ACC can cover skin cancer as a WRGPI, PICBA or a TI?

ACC not only provides cover for skin cancer which develops because of a person's job (work-related gradual process injury - WRGPI), but also for skin cancer injuries caused by an accident (personal injury caused by an accident - PICBA), or treatment injury (TI).

Please contact the Southern Cross Member Advocacy team about possible assistance at advocacy@southerncross.co.nz if you have Southern Cross patients that meet any of the criteria below.

WRGPI – see if your skin cancer patients meet the ACC three-step causation criteria below.

- ✓ Whether the person's tasks or work environment caused or contributed to the cause of the injury.
- ✓ If it's more likely than not the injury was caused by work-related circumstances, rather than non-work circumstances.
- ✓ If the person is at a "significantly greater risk" of suffering the injury because of their work than those who are not exposed.

Those who might qualify include people who work outdoors for extended periods or whose work results in episodes of intense intermittent exposure to solar UVR. Examples include:

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| + horticulture and viticulture workers | + mountain guides |
| + construction workers | + roofers |
| + road workers | + teachers |
| + environmental agents or forestry workers | + military or defence personnel |
| + agriculture workers | + airline pilots/cabin crew |
| + seafarers or fishermen | + welders |
| + gardeners or landscapers | + truck drivers |
| + lifeguards | + sports professionals. |

PICBA – if your patient has skin cancer that may have arisen from:

- + sun burn (if original claim is covered by ACC as an accidental injury)
- + burn scars (if original claim is covered by ACC as an accidental injury)
- + basal cell carcinoma developed at the site of sharp or blunt trauma.

TI – if your skin cancer patient:

- + may have been misdiagnosed, or there was a delay in diagnosis or treatment being provided
- + has developed skin cancer as a result of radiotherapy or immunosuppression following organ transplant
- + has developed skin cancer at the site of an incision.

If an ACC claim for skin cancer is successful, your patient may be eligible for additional ACC entitlements such as additional treatment funding such as primary healthcare visits; home and community support and complex nursing care; and financial support if the patient is unable to work, has a permanent injury or passes away from an injury.

Please contact the Southern Cross Member Advocacy team if you need assistance in a submission to ACC for establishing cover or reviewing an ACC decline at advocacy@southerncross.co.nz. Also, see our website at southerncross.co.nz/acc