

- Actinic keratosis (AK) is a common skin condition that has the potential to progress to non-melanoma skin cancers.
- General awareness of AK among primary care physicians is low and no standard therapeutic strategy exists. A variety of factors determine the treatment option that is used including: experience of physician, pathology of the lesion, and patient characteristics.
- Primary care physicians are often the first to see AK in their patients and are well placed to educate the public and raise awareness.
- It is important that the primary care physicians are up to date with their education and knowledge of AK, to ensure that the optimal treatment option is used.
- We examine the therapeutic options and management of AK globally, and particularly in Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

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