Figure 1: Four described models of shared care

(a) Surgical oncologist and dermatologist
Alternating visits with surgical oncologist and dermatologist (at melanoma unit or local to patient), with shared arrangement ongoing for variable duration (e.g. 2-5 years).

(b) Dermatologist and local GP
Dermatologist (at melanoma unit or local to patient) conducts ongoing follow-up; they may also share care with the patient’s local / referring doctor (e.g. GP or skin cancer clinic).

(c) Surgical oncologist and local GP
Alternating visits with surgical oncologist and patient’s local / referring doctor (e.g. GP or skin cancer clinic), with variable duration of shared arrangements (from a few years to lifelong).

(d) Melanoma unit GP and local GP
Surgical oncologist referral to ‘in-house’ melanoma unit GP for ongoing follow-up; the latter may then also share care with patients local / referring doctor (e.g. family GP or skin cancer clinic)