

Device Review: Illuco Dermatoscope IDS 1100 - 4 star rating

On the hunt for skin cancer? This scope is just the weapon

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In the pursuit of skin cancer villains, dermatoscopes are increasingly becoming an essential part of every GP's arsenal.

This month, I look at the Illuco Dermatoscope IDS 1100, which has got just about all the lights, dots and dials nicely in a row.

I have tried out a few dermatoscopes in my time but I am pleasantly impressed by this one.

It comes in a nicely presented box with a charging cable and carry case. The one I reviewed also had a universal smartphone adapter for taking photos.



The device feels sturdy and well made, and the dials move smoothly but firmly. The on switch is located on top, and there is a switch for adjusting the brightness and polarity of the light on each side.

The device also has a rollable finger adjustment that allows for easy focusing.

Often I find one dermatoscope is great in one area but lacking in another.

However, this device adds a few useful tricks to help illuminate my prey.

I like the ability to adjust the brightness of the light, which is useful for examining different skin tones.

The large front window of glass works better on this dermatoscope than others.

The view is nice and wide. And the ability to remove the glass for lesions that don't need direct contact is a great addition for photo documentation of abnormalities such as ulcers.

The device clicks into the universal smartphone adapter quite well.

Although, I was slightly disappointed there was a small gap between the camera and dermatoscope that meant I had to manually zoom with the camera itself.

There is no specific dock for charging the device, which means it charges connected to a cable, which is fine, but I hope more dermatoscopes will have set docks as standard.

All in all, I was very impressed by the Illuco. If you are looking for a versatile dermatoscope with the ability to take good photos and have a sharp adjustable image, then look at picking one of these up.

Product: Illuco Dermatoscope IDS 1100

Price: \$1534.50 inc GST

A review model supplied by: A GP practice

Pros: Large field of view and sharp image

Cons: Lack of a dedicated charging dock

Verdict: ★★☆☆

1=useless 2=useful 3=recommended 4=should have 5=must have now



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