



Using Near Me for Clinical Examinations (version 1.1)

Switching front to rear camera.

Rear-facing cameras on smartphones often give a higher quality image than forward-facing (selfie) cameras.

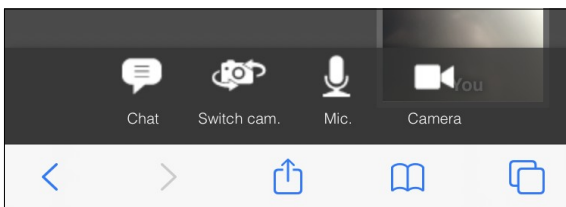
Therefore, within Near Me calls, if a clearer image is required for examination, eg, of a skin rash, then using the rear-facing camera may be useful.

Using the rear-facing camera can also make it easier for patients to manoeuvre the camera to show a part of the body, eg, foot, rather than trying to hold it up to the camera.

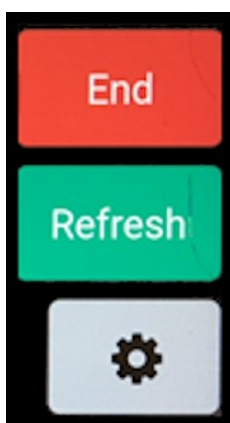
After the examination, the patient could be asked to switch back to the forward-facing camera to complete the consultation.

To change to the camera direction:

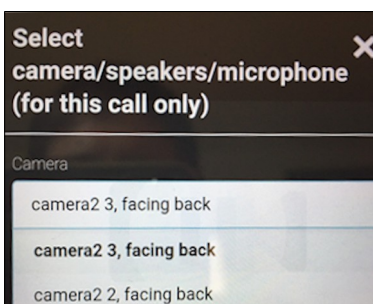
Within the Near Me call, ask the patient to switch cameras. There are two ways to do this, depending on the person's device:



On some devices, such as iPhones, there is a “switch camera” icon at the bottom of the call screen. Press this and the camera in use will change to the rear one.



On other devices, changing cameras involves clicking on the settings cog at the top of the call screen. This will give a menu of available cameras – select the appropriate one.



More Light?

Close-up examinations are often helped by the patient being in a brightly lit area. Something like an anglepoise light may be ideal for this purpose as it can be directed at whatever requires a closer look. Be careful – they can get very hot.

