

# ACRF Australian Centre of Excellence in Melanoma Imaging and Diagnosis

#### Dear ACEMID Participant,

Welcome to the second edition of our ACEMID participant study newsletter. You are receiving this newsletter because you are currently enrolled in the ACEMID research study.

### **Recruiting Momentum**

Active sites: The ACEMID sites currently recruiting in Queensland are the Princess Alexandra Hospital, and the Herston Imaging Research Facility (located within the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital). In New South Wales, the ACEMID sites currently recruiting are Westmead Hospital and Melanoma Institute Australia. ACEMID sites currently recruiting in Victoria are Bendigo Health, the Alfred Hospital, and the Skin Health Institute in Melbourne.

**Recruitment:** New sites which will commence recruitment in 2023 include Cairns Hospital in QLD, as well as the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Bass Coast Health (Wonthaggi) in VIC. **Installation:** New sites which are planned to begin VECTRA installation in 2023 are the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Port Macquarie Base Hospital, and Wagga Wagga Base Hospital.

**Current recruitment:** To date, we have enrolled over 2000 participants across the study (over 1200 in QLD, over 830 in NSW, and over 130 in VIC).

**Expression of interest:** We have had a huge expression of interest to participate from across Australia with over 12,000 responses to date. We are very grateful to have such a large response to our recruitment calls. Each state is working through their expression of interest list, and our momentum will increase as further sites become operational.

#### **Consumer Forum**

At the November 2022 Consumer Forum, Professor Monika Janda, Professor H. Peter Soyer, and Associate Professor Liam Caffery from the University of Queensland presented on the topic: "The Future of Melanoma Screening."

This topic led to highly engaged discussions and many questions were asked, mainly focused on genetic risk factors for melanoma, data security and privacy, and how artificial intelligence will be used for skin cancer early detection in the future.

Thank you to everyone who joined both inperson and virtually, and provided their valuable input. A summary of the Consumer Reflections from the forum are available on the <u>ACEMID website</u>. What does a melanoma screening program look like?



## Introducing Safe in the Sunshine

Researchers at the ACRF Australian Centre of Excellence in Melanoma Imaging & Diagnosis (ACEMID) have launched a new sun safe initiative – Safe in the Sunshine.



Safe in the Sunshine aims to help Australians get the right balance of sun exposure and sun protection – by providing personalised advice to help people stay safe in the sun and check their skin for early signs of skin cancer.

Be sure to also follow <u>@safeinthesunshine</u> on Instagram and <u>Facebook</u>, for bite-sized facts on skin cancer prevention and early detection.

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