

Dear ACEMID Participant,

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

## Recruiting Momentum

**Current recruitment:** To date, we have enrolled over 5,100 participants across 10 study sites (2347 in QLD, 1469 in NSW, and 1325 in VIC).

### State Updates:

**Queensland:** All five 3D total-body imaging machines have now been installed in Queensland including the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Herston Imaging Research Facility, Cairns Hospital, Sunshine Coast University Hospital and Mt Isa Hospital. The Princess Alexandra Hospital and Herston Research Imaging Facility in Brisbane have reached capacity and are no longer enrolling participants. Mt Isa will commence enrolment early 2024.

**New South Wales:** Our metropolitan sites Melanoma Institute Australia has been recruiting since Aug 2021 but have now reached capacity and Westmead Hospital is currently reducing its recruitment numbers due to recent staff changes. We are excited that a 3D total-body imaging machine was recently installed in Port Macquarie and this new regional site will commence enrolment in early 2024. Wagga Wagga and Orange are currently planned sites, with installation to commence in early 2024.

**Victoria:** Bendigo and Wonthaggi are regional research nodes included in the Victorian ACEMID program, together with metropolitan sites (Alfred Health, Peter Mac Callum Cancer Centre and Skin Health Institute). The 3D total-body imaging systems have now been installed at all 5 Victorian sites. Peter Mac Callum Cancer Centre will commence enrolment early 2024. There has been an overwhelming response to participate and Victorian sites are not currently accepting any further expressions of interest.

## ACEMID in the news

View the most recent news updates about the ACEMID research study:

- NSW Health [Melanoma early detection screening a first for regional NSW - News](#)
- Bass Coast Health: [Public opportunities to participate in local clinical trials advance | Bass Coast Health](#)
- National Tribune - [Melanoma early detection screening a first for regional NSW | The National Tribune](#)
- Mirage News - [Regional NSW Debuts Early Detection Screening for Melanoma | Mirage News](#)

## Melanoma Awareness Survey

How much do you know about melanoma? Researchers from the University of Queensland are looking for adults 18 years and older in Australia to complete a melanoma awareness survey.

We would be grateful if you could share the link to our survey with your friends, family and work colleagues, and the wider community, including anyone who may not have had any experience with melanoma themselves.

You can access the survey: [HERE](#)

## Safe in the Sunshine

Researchers at the ACRF Australian Centre of Excellence in Melanoma Imaging & Diagnosis (ACEMID) have progressed their digital sun safe initiative – Safe in the Sunshine

Be sure to visit the website [www.safeinthesunshine.org.au](http://www.safeinthesunshine.org.au) and follow [@safeinthesunshine](https://www.instagram.com/safeinthesunshine) on Instagram and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/safeinthesunshine), for bite-sized facts on skin cancer prevention and early detection.

Please share it with anyone you think could be interested

## Consumer Forum

Our third ACEMID consumer forum, ‘Skin Checks in Australia – How do we reach the right people at the right time?’, was recently held on the 1st of December in Sydney. We were thrilled to have over 100 consumers and researchers join us online and in-person.

The forum was led by consumer representative Mr Craig Lawn, Professor Monika Janda and the team of melanoma researchers at the University of Queensland, Monash University and University of Sydney.

The team shared a progress update on the ACEMID Cohort Study including recruitment numbers and active sites, our vision for a targeted melanoma screening program and what new technologies we could incorporate in the future. Exciting new technologies include 3D-total-body imaging combined with Artificial Intelligence support, home-based support apps, and less invasive diagnostic techniques such as scarless biopsies. Currently the ACEMID visits do not incorporate artificial intelligence, but our team is working towards developing the algorithms to support this in the future. The team discussed how we can combine these technologies with melanoma risk assessment tools to allow individuals to receive the right skin check at the right time.

You can use the current online melanoma risk calculators [here](#).

The forum also included an interactive polling session where both online and in-person attendees could respond to the researchers’ questions. Overall, 90% of attendees reported knowing their melanoma risk would help them get the right skin check at the right time. The main barriers reported by attendees to getting skin checks included cost, time, and accessibility to skin check services.

You can read more about the consumer forum [here](#).

Thank you to those who joined us on the day!

## Continue to see your doctor for skin checks

As a reminder please note that ACEMID is a research study and does not replace your usual medical care. Please continue to see your medical practitioner for a clinical skin examination if you notice any changes on your skin, and continue your usual schedule of follow-up visits if this has been recommended by your doctor.

## Thank you

Thank you for your continued support of our research in 2023. Wishing you a safe, relaxing and joyful holiday season.

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