

Dear ACEMID Participant

Welcome to our ACEMID participant study newsletter. You are receiving this newsletter because you are currently enrolled (or previously participated) in the ACEMID research study. For previous versions of the newsletter, visit the ACEMID website [here](#).

Recruiting Momentum

Current recruitment: To date we have enrolled over 6,660 participants across 15 study sites (2768 in QLD, 1819 in NSW, and 2082 in VIC) and have conducted more than 14,000 study visits.

We're excited to have all 15 sites now operational at the following locations:

Queensland

- Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane
- Herston Imaging Research Facility, Brisbane
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital
- Cairns Hospital
- Mount Isa Hospital

New South Wales

- Westmead Hospital, Sydney
- Melanoma Institute Australia, Sydney
- Pinnacle Dermatology, Orange
- Port Macquarie Community Health Centre
- Wagga Wagga - Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA) Amie St Clair Clinic

Victoria

- The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne
- The Skin Health Institute, Melbourne
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne
- Bendigo Hospital
- Wonthaggi Hospital, Bass Coast

About 250 participants have completed the three-year cohort study to date!

In the News

ACEMID won the 2024 Aspire Scholarship Eureka Prize for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Scientific Research for work on the early detection of melanoma. The Australian Museum Eureka Prizes are the country's most comprehensive national science awards. It's very exciting for the team to be recognised in these awards. [Read more](#)



2025 Consumer Forum: Save the date

The next ACEMID Consumer Forum will be held on Friday 21st February 2025. This will be a hybrid event with online access and in-person attendance for those in Brisbane. We look forward to sharing updates about the ACEMID Cohort Study with you and obtaining your input into key research questions.

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details as the date approaches!

Conquering Skin Cancer film

The Conquering Skin Cancer film will be in cinemas from the 20th November 2024. This film aims to inspire audiences to learn how to be part of the solution to end skin cancers. It spans clinical and research endeavours (including the ACEMID projects 3D total-body imaging systems) through to touching stories from those personally impacted by skin cancer.

You can find more information and view the film trailer at the [Conquering Skin Cancer](#) website, with [screening sessions](#) scheduled across Australia.

There is also opportunity to become a [Conquering Skin Cancer Film Champion](#) to raise community awareness and contribute to the fight against skin cancer.

This film aims to inspire audiences to take up prevention measures and learn how to be part of the solution to reduce the impact of skin cancer and melanoma. Attending a film screening at a cinema near you will help to support this important cause.



National targeted skin cancer screening roadmap

The Australian Government is investing [\\$10.3 million to develop a national targeted skin cancer screening roadmap](#). This project is led by the Melanoma Institute Australia (an ACEMID Cohort Study site in NSW) and will bring together expertise across the cancer sector to fast track this critical endeavour.

The large amount of research data collected by the ACEMID Cohort Study will be valuable in informing this roadmap, helping Australia take a major step towards improving outcomes for melanoma and skin cancer.

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 and follow [@safeinthesunshine](#) on Instagram and [Facebook](#), for bite-sized facts on skin cancer prevention and early detection.

Continue to see your doctor for regular 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 valuable participation in our research throughout 2024. Your support plays a crucial role in advancing our studies and making meaningful discoveries. We greatly appreciate your contributions and to those who are still in our studies we look forward to seeing you again in 2025 as we continue this important work together.

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