

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 8,000 participants across 15 study sites and have conducted more than 18,600 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

Updated target recruitment goals

The original participant target for the research study has been revised from 15,000 to 10,000. This adjustment reflects that we are close to collecting sufficient data to support the objectives of the current phase. With this data, we are well-positioned to transition into the next stage of the study, which will focus on integrating and assessing artificial intelligence (AI) as part of the melanoma and skin cancer screening pathway.

Summary of the Consumer Forum 2025

In February 2025, the University of Queensland hosted the fourth ACEMID Consumer Workshop, facilitating a hybrid format that accommodated both in-person and online participation. With over 150 consumers and researchers in attendance, the event provided an opportunity to share the latest updates on the ACEMID study with the community and discuss the future directions in skin cancer early detection, particularly the integration of artificial intelligence (AI).

This consumer forum was led by consumer advocate Ms Alison Button-Sloan and included speakers Dr Uyen Koh and Professor Victoria Mar, with the support of the team of ACEMID researchers at the University of Queensland, Monash University and the University of Sydney.

Read the summary [here](#).

In the news

"Get a skin check" has been a public health mantra for years in Australia. But with a workforce shortage and overstretched services, how can Australia's health system deliver on that? Can technology help?

Professor Victoria Mar shares how the ACEMID team are doing the slow, hard, and necessary work to understand if and how high-quality imaging and AI could help drive the early detection of skin cancers in our country.

Read the [Monash Lens article here](#)

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MEDICINE AND HEALTH

The bigger picture: Balancing innovation and evidence in the fight against melanoma

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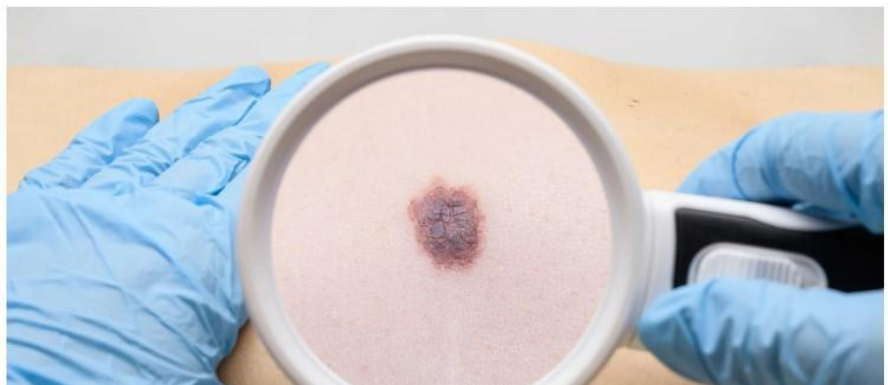
FEATURING



Victoria Mar

Professor, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine

REPUBLIC ARTICLE



Saliva samples

Many of you have generously provided a saliva sample to help us better understand the genetics of melanoma. We are pleased to share that we have recently received funding to begin analysing these samples and returning results to participants. We will be in touch over the next few months with more information. Please keep an eye out for updates.

2025 annual report

The highlights of the 2025 Annual Report are now available to view on the [ACEMID website](#). This report offers a comprehensive overview of the progress made across our research studies, key milestones achieved, and updates on current grants and funding outcomes. It reflects our continued commitment to advancing dermatology research and innovation through collaborative efforts.

Read the report [here](#)

Meet ACEMID's PhD students

Did you know that ACEMID currently supports eight PhD students who are conducting cutting-edge research across a diverse range of topics? Their work spans crucial areas such as building public trust in medical technologies, understanding how individuals cope with a cancer diagnosis, and advancing the use of artificial intelligence in dermatology.

You can explore their stories and research journeys in our PhD Student Spotlight Series, available under the [ACEMID News section](#).

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.

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