Dear ACEMID Participant

Welcome to our ACEMID participant study newsletter. You are receiving this newsletter because you are currently enrolled or a past participant in the ACEMID research study. For previous versions of the newsletter, visit the ACEMID website here.

Recruiting Momentum

Current recruitment:
As of July 2026, we have enrolled 9,498 participants across 15 study sites and have conducted 28,799 study visits.

Enrolment target:
Our target enrolment is 10,000 participants across all sites which we expect to recruit by end of 2026.

Victorian ACEMID site updates:
The Skin Health Institute (SHI) has now closed as an ACEMID study site and is no longer seeing participants. If you were attending your visits at SHI and have not yet completed the study, we emailed you a letter on 29 June 2026, with a reminder on 23 July 2026, asking for your preference: continue your remaining study visits at The Alfred site instead, or have your most recent SHI visit recorded as your final ACEMID visit. If you haven't yet let us know your choice, please get in touch with the study team at acemid@monash.edu

NSW ACEMID site updates:
As of 30th June 2026, two sites in NSW have closed for the ACEMID Cohort Study, these are:

1. Melanoma Institute Australia - Poche, Wollstonecraft and
2. Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA) Amie St Clair Melanoma Clinic, Wagga Wagga.

For participants who wish to continue with the ACEMID study, we will be providing an option for them to attend new sites joining the study in NSW. For queries about site closures in NSW, please contact acemid.project@sydney.edu.au

Saliva update

Many of you have generously provided a saliva sample to help us better understand the genetics of melanoma. We are pleased to share that analysis of samples has now begun. Participants who have donated a saliva sample will be contacted by UQ to ask if they would like to receive their results. We are hopeful this will occur late in 2026.

For those who choose to receive them, results are expected to be returned during 2027, together with supporting information to help explain what they mean. We will provide further updates as this work progresses through the ACEMID newsletter.

ACEMID partners with SunSmart to put sun safety in the spotlight

This summer, ACEMID is teaming up with SunSmart and Cancer Council Victoria to roll out a new sun safety program at selected ACEMID sites across Queensland and New South Wales.

As part of the program, you may be invited at your next ACEMID visit to take part in an optional text-message sun safety program, designed to provide helpful reminders and encourage simple ways to stay sun safe during the summer months.

Your participation is completely voluntary, and choosing not to take part will not affect your involvement with ACEMID in any way.

Look out for more information at your next visit and find out how you can get involved in this important sun safety initiative.

ACEMID's recent publications

ACEMID images, clinical and survey data continue to be analysed, generating new insights and enabling further discoveries. The following are recent publications by the team.

ACEMID researchers use AI and 3D body imaging to measure sun damage across the whole body. Research published in the British Journal of Dermatology by ACEMID researchers has developed an innovative way to measure sun damage across the entire body using artificial intelligence (AI) and 3D total-body photography. Read more.

New study explores the psychological impact of a melanoma In-situ diagnosis. Research by ACEMID PhD candidate Lejie Zheng is shedding light on an often-overlooked aspect of skin cancer—the psychological impact of being diagnosed with melanoma in situ. Read more.

Research validates automated skin colour assessment using 3D total-body photography.
A new study led by Dr Chantal Rutjes, who completed the research during her PhD at The University of Queensland, has demonstrated that 3D total-body photography can be used to objectively measure skin colour, offering a more accurate and scalable approach for skin cancer research. Read more

You can view all the ACEMID articles on our website here

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 for your valuable participation in our research. Your support plays a crucial role in advancing our studies and making meaningful discoveries.

For enquires, please contact acemid@uq.edu.au

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