

NEWS LETTER

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Melbourne Melanoma Project (MMP)

Our 7th newsletter has lots of new information. We have moved, we are applying for our next round of funding and we are adding a new 'Research' section to our website.

All photos courtesy of MMP.

MELANOMA NEWS SUBSCRIPTION

Subscribe to our MMP news feed to receive regular updates regarding melanoma research and local events.

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Melbourne Melanoma Project

Our MMP social media sites aim to keep you up to date with all melanoma research and some local community activities. Please note that most articles are obtained via Google Alerts and do not necessarily reflect the views of MMP.

Project Update

WE HAVE MOVED

MMP's head office has moved into the new Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. We are now located at 305 Grattan Street, Parkville, 3000. The new phone number is 8559 6678, but the old one will work until the end of November 2016. Our postal address is still the same – MMP, Research Division, Locked Bag 1 A'Beckett Street, Victoria 8006.

WE ARE EXPANDING

Eastern Health and the Skin & Cancer Foundation are joining MMP. We look forward to welcoming their melanoma units to the project and facilitating bigger and better research across Victoria.

MMP RESEARCH

Many of our participants are keen to know more about what MMP actually does with the melanoma tissue, blood and health information that we collect from everyone. Our Consumer Group have asked us to add a MMP Research section to the website that lists all of the MMP projects and gives a brief description, in normal language, about what each one is doing. We are hoping to have this in place in the next month or so.

MMP EVENTS – PRESENTATION SLIDES

For the people that requested the slides from the MMP Scientific Exchange Meeting (February 2016) and the Wodonga Melanoma Patient Forum (March 2016), these can now be found under the 'Events' section of the website.

National Melanoma Awards

The Melanoma Patients Australia National Melanoma Awards are open for the 2016 nominations. For further information please go to the below link.
<http://www.melanomapatients.org.au/latest-news/2016-melanoma-awards>

Fast Facts

Total MMP participants: 2133

Oldest participant: 98 years

Youngest participant: 2 years

Stage at time of consent:

Stage 0 = 5%

Stage I = 39%

Stage II = 28%

Stage III = 20%

Stage IV = 8%

Serious sunburn: 60%

Solarium use: 9%

Types of melanoma:

Superficial spreading = 46%

Nodular = 22%

Lentigo maligna = 10%

Acral = 8%

Other = 14%

Victorians: 95%

Deceased: 14%

as of 8/8/2016

Our MMP Data Managers

Many of you have personally met a member of our MMP team when you were consented to join our project. Anne Fennessy is a research nurse and is often assisted by Sonia Mailer, the project manager, to consent patients at busy Friday morning clinics at PeterMac. Research nurses Jo Hawking, Jane Brack and Donna Long consent patients at the Austin, Alfred and Border Oncology respectively.

As you know, from the amount of paperwork we ask you to fill out and the number of extra questions we ask, there is an awful lot of information to be put into the MMP database for it to become organised so your privacy is protected and it can be useful to our researchers. Three members of our team are responsible for entering, verifying and tracking MMP data. Karen Scott (Alfred), Anne Fennessy

(Peter Mac) and Jo Hawking (Austin) do a fantastic job of managing the MMP database that has enabled so many MMP projects to happen.

At the moment there are over 150 pieces of information entered in for each participant but this is growing. A team of MMP clinician researchers review what information needs to be recorded in the database in line with the latest research trends. They add new details in consultation with the data managers to ensure future research queries are up to date, logical and accurate. Quality in, means quality out!

Our data managers also play a key role in setting up any MMP functions so feel free to say hello or ask them questions about the project. We will all be attending the MPA Consumer Forum on the 26th of August. Hope to see you there.



From top to bottom: Jo Hawking, Anne Fennessy, Karen Scott

MMP Invitation

MELANOMA PATIENTS AUSTRALIA (MPA) CONSUMER FORUM

The Consumer Forum is part of the Locoregional Melanoma conference being hosted by the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) and the Australian & New Zealand Melanoma Trials Group (ANZMTG).
<http://lrmelanoma2016.com.au/>

This is a great opportunity to visit the beautiful new Peter Mac and learn more about melanoma from our experts. Questions: 1300 88 44 50.

Program:

Welcome - Hayley Anderson; The immune system & melanoma - Jonathon Cebon; New treatments for (loco)regional melanoma - David Gyorki; Accessing clinical trials - Grant McArthur
A personal experience - patient speaker; Living well with melanoma - Fiona Bennett; Panel Q&A



When:

4-6.30pm Friday 26th August 2016

Where:

– Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Education Centre, Level 7
– VCCC Building, 305 Grattan Street, Parkville 3000

Book:

<http://lrmelanoma2016.com.au/scientific-program/consumer-forum>

The Melbourne Melanoma Project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Victorian Cancer Agency Translational Research Project Program. The Victorian Cancer Agency has a responsibility for building cancer research capacity and capability across Victoria. One of its main functions is to align and support clinical, academic and research organisations involved in cancer research to maximise patient outcomes.