

NEWS LETTER



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Melbourne Melanoma Project (MMP)

Our 8th newsletter is all about our achievements. We have been sorting through our project information to see how effective our MMP model is in research terms. The results are awesome.

All photos courtesy of MMP.

MELANOMA NEWS SUBSCRIPTION

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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.

Welcome



The Skin and Cancer Foundation have officially joined the Melbourne Melanoma Project. Dr Victoria Mar is the principal investigator there. We warmly welcome her and the S&CF staff to the project.



MPA National Melanoma Awards 2016

Excellence as a Not-For-Profit

Winner is: **Melbourne Melanoma Project**

MMP 'School Report'

From a 'consumer' perspective MMP was to be set up as model that integrated consumer engagement at every level, engaged with the melanoma medical units at key sites in Victoria and fostered collaboration across the affiliated research institutes. All for the purpose of speeding up melanoma research to provide better outcomes for melanoma patients.

CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ Consumers are co-investigators on research funding applications
- ✓ Consumers are part of the Governance Committee
- ✓ Consumer Reference Group established and active re research, awareness and advocacy
- ✓ Consumer Reference Group actively communicates with the melanoma community

Number of Participants	Research Occurrences
20	0
125	1
240	2
273	3
197	4
196	5
244	6
336	7
250	8
132	9
74	10
37	11
7	12
8	13
3	14
2	15

Total: 2144

TABLE 1 How many times individual MMP participants have been included in research projects.

MMP 'School Report'

MEDICAL SITES/RESEARCH INSTITUTES ENGAGED

- ✓ 2010 - Skin and Melanoma Unit at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Parkville (formerly in East Melbourne)
- ✓ 2010 - Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness and Research Centre (formerly the Ludwig Institute of Cancer Research) at Austin Health
- ✓ 2010 - Victorian Melanoma Service at the Alfred Hospital.
- ✓ 2012 - Border Medical Oncology Research Unit in Albury (formerly in Wodonga)
- ✓ 2016 - Skin & Cancer Foundation in Carlton
- ✓ 2016- Eastern Health - paperwork pending

MMP PARTICIPANT COHORT

- ✓ 2144 participants recruited to MMP study (as of Sep 2016)
- ✓ 99% MMP participants included in MMP research projects (*Table 1*)

MMP PRODUCTIVITY

- ✓ Number of research projects is increasing per year
- ✓ Number of publications is increasing per year (*Figure 1*)

MMP COLLABORATION

- ✓ Number of collaborative publications is increasing per year (*Figure 1*)

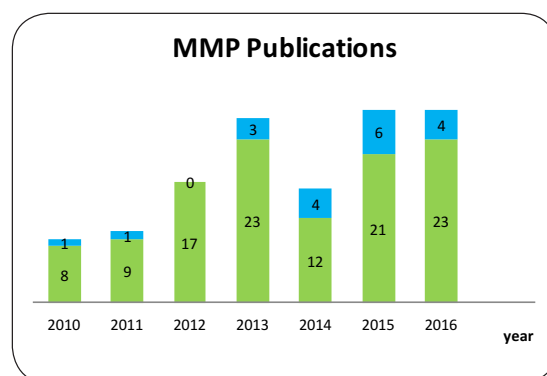


FIGURE 1: MMP is affiliated with 113 peer reviewed manuscripts. The number of MMP publications is steadily increasing each year, with the exception of 2014 where there was a funding gap of 4 months. The number of papers with authors from at least two MMP sites is shown in blue. It too is increasing per year - 2016 has not finished!

In Summary: The MMP model which provides a specific resource for Melanoma researchers, with whole hearted support from its consumer group and the wider melanoma community, has demonstrated a marked increase in research and collaboration. Thank you to all of our participants for assisting us with so many exciting MMP projects. You are very much appreciated.

MMP Invitation

MELBOURNE MELANOMA PROJECT SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday 16th November 2016

RSVP: Sonia.Mailer@petermac.org or 8559 6678

TIME: 6:00pm for refreshments;
meeting 6:30-8:30pm

WHERE: Alfred Hospital AMREP Education Centre
Lecture Theatre, 89 Commercial Road,
Prahran

PROGRAM: Everyone is welcome to attend our meeting to listen and participate in the wider melanoma discussion. Topics include: MMP update; Understanding 'in situ' melanoma; Research vignettes

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. Its aim is to invest in projects and initiatives that rapidly translate research into treatments and approaches that will improve clinical practice and care of cancer patients.