

2020 - 2022 TRIENNIUM

# Skin Excision Evaluation Program

*Join thousands of general practitioners nationwide and  
earn your CPD points while improving your clinical skills*



# RESULTS FROM SKIN EXCISION EVALUATION PROGRAM 2017-2019

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS ENROLLED IN OUR PROGRAM SAW A

# 60% INCREASE

IN CORRECTLY DIAGNOSING MELANOMA IN SITU

OVER

# 90%



OF PARTICIPANTS CATEGORISED THIS PROGRAM AS RELEVANT TO THEIR PRACTICE

OVER

# 80%



OF PARTICIPANTS SUCCESSFULLY IDENTIFIED AREAS NEEDED FOR DIAGNOSTIC IMPROVEMENT

OVER

# 85%



OF PARTICIPANTS UTILIZED THE PROGRAM REPORTING TO CONFIRM CASES REQUIRING FURTHER TREATMENT AND MONITORING

## Join thousands of general practitioners nationwide

Melanoma is a type of cancer with which Australian general practitioners are, unfortunately, all too familiar. Melanoma accounts for 75% of skin cancer deaths. According to the Melanoma Institute Australia, approximately 14,000 Australians are diagnosed with melanoma annually and more than 1,800 die from melanoma each year – that is five people a day! Sadly, Australia has the highest incidence of melanoma in the world – with melanoma rates doubling from 1986 to 2006. Sadly, Australia has the highest incidence of melanoma in the world – with melanoma rates doubling from 1986 to 2006 – and they are still rising.

At Australian Clinical Labs, we offer you the support to evaluate your prognostic knowledge of skin cancer medicine and improve the health outcomes of your patients, while also earning Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points.\*

The Skin Excision Evaluation Program enables general practitioners, who refer skin histology specimens to Clinical Labs, to submit provisional diagnoses for cases where histological evaluation is needed.

## A CPD program that benefits your patients

Our Skin Excision Evaluation Program provides a beneficial education opportunity for general practitioners. The program aids skin cancer management for patients by improving the identification of high-risk lesions so they can be treated at an early stage.

**Simply send a minimum of 40 samples within 12 months of enrolment, using the Skin Excision Evaluation request form (with compulsory clinical data completed on the reverse), and you will be eligible to obtain points.**

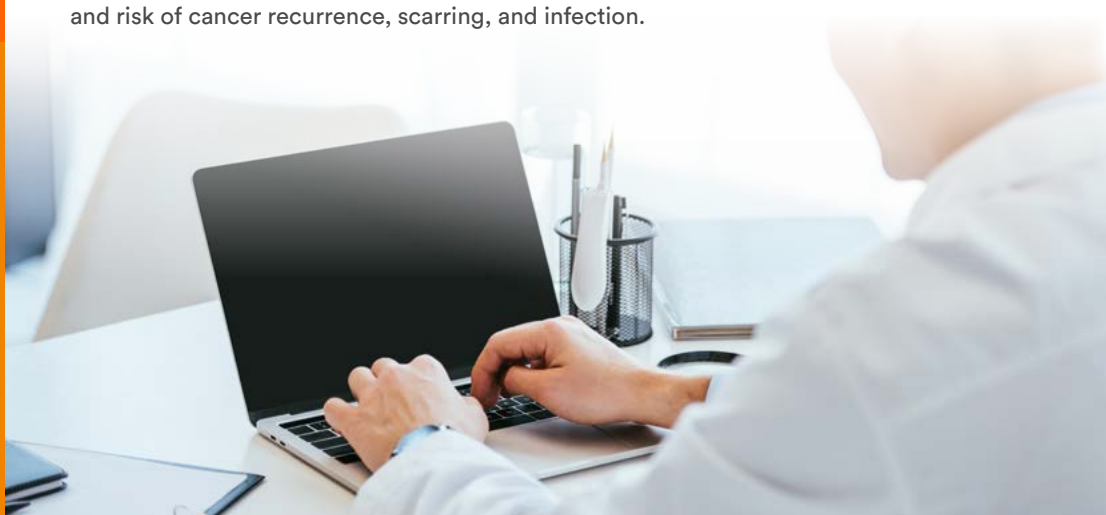
As you progress through the program you can rely on our expert pathologists to give you accurate diagnostic assessments. You can contact our pathologists personally if you have any questions along the way.

## Compare your performance with your peers

As you progress through the program, your results are then made available to you via a monthly Skin Excision Evaluation Report, which highlights your performance against that of your peers and national benchmarks, while maintaining the confidentiality of all clinicians.

You will receive relevant statistical data presented in user-friendly charts, so you can identify areas for more practice and development.

Through consistent feedback from our unique reporting portal, you will see an increase in the accuracy of your diagnoses, an improvement in your clinical skills, and an increase in your confidence with patients. Monitoring adequate margin control and appropriate removal of pathological lesions can reduce patient risk of subsequent invasive procedures and risk of cancer recurrence, scarring, and infection.



*A review of the current program statistics shows that, during the 2017-2019 triennium, GPs enrolled in our program saw an increase in the correct diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma and notably a 60% increase in the correct diagnosis of melanomas in situ.*

## Exclusive education opportunities

Clinical Labs is passionate about delivering additional education opportunities to develop clinical skills and skin cancer knowledge. Participants will routinely receive relevant clinical articles written by our expert pathologists, informative resources, program updates and reminders, and webinars and event invitations, all designed to improve participant performance. Participants will then be asked to complete an Outcomes & Reflections survey at the end of each program cycle.



## Earn CPD points today

The Skin Excision Evaluation Program is an accredited CPD activity.\* Participants enrolled in this valuable CPD program can submit both biopsy and excision specimens with a provisional diagnosis, confirming their dermatological diagnostic proficiency.

Australian Clinical Labs is a RACGP approved activity provider and has two Education Activity Representatives (EARs). Therefore, your participation in our exclusive Skin Excision Evaluation Program makes you eligible for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points.\*

To be eligible to obtain CPD points, you must:

- submit a minimum of 40 samples, identified correctly, within 12 months of enrollment,
- submit samples on the specific Skin Excision Evaluation Program Request Form with the compulsory clinical data completed on the reverse-side, and
- complete the reflection activity.

These activities will be submitted to the RACGP for 40 CPD points or to ACRRM for recognition of learning. An evaluation survey will be provided for participants to complete at the end of the 12 month program.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1

Identify diagnostic inaccuracies concerning skin lesions submitted for histo-pathological analysis.

2

Demonstrate appropriate surgical margin practices for malignant skin cancer procedures.

3

Detect cases which require additional treatment to ensure the ongoing care & safety of the patient.

4

Contrast personal diagnostic and surgical proficiency in comparison to state and national peer groups.

5

Contrast personal melanoma detection rates in comparison to state and national peer groups.



# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

## 1 How to register

There are three simple ways you can register:



Fill out the attached form and fax it to us: (03) 9538 6760



Fill out the attached form, scan and email it to us: [skin.audit@clinicallylabs.com.au](mailto:skin.audit@clinicallylabs.com.au)



Or simply email us at [skin.audit@clinicallylabs.com.au](mailto:skin.audit@clinicallylabs.com.au) to register your interest

Once registered follow the instructions to activate your account

## 2 Submit your samples

Skin Excision Program Request Forms will be sent to your specified address upon the completion of your registration. Our forms have been designed specifically so that they can be used in conjunction with most practice management software. Submit 40 or more samples within 12 months of enrolment using the Skin Excision Program request form with compulsory clinical data completed on the reverse.

## 3 Monitor your monthly progress

Each month you will receive an email to let you know that your latest Skin Excision Evaluation Report is available.

## 4 Complete Final Outcomes & Reflections

As part of the CPD education experience, your final notification will also include an online evaluation survey to complete.

Sign up today by emailing  
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or contact your local Clinical Labs  
representative.

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