

Centre of Research Excellence for the Study of Naevi



Information for Chief and Associate Investigators – 27 March 2020

Upcoming CRE Events

- The **2020 CRE Consumer Forum and Researcher Forum** was planned to be held in the second half of 2020. This event is currently postponed and further information will be provided when available.
- The [2020 ASSC Sun Exposure Summit](#) has been postponed until 2021. The summit will review the latest evidence on both the benefits and risks associated with sun exposure. It will aim to determine if current Australian and New Zealand policies are optimal for health, and how to most effectively communicate a balanced message about sun exposure risks and benefits to the wider community. CRE Chief Investigator Professor Monika Janda is part of this Summit's Organising Committee.

CRE News and Progress

- The consensus statement report from the previous highly successful [ASSC Melanoma Screening Summit](#) held in March 2019 has been published in the [Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health](#).
- Doug Canfield, President at Canfield Scientific, visited the Dermatology Research Centre (DRC) on 6th March 2020. Five DRC members, including Chief Investigators Professor Soyer and Professor Janda, presented a research update to showcase some of the exciting work enabled through the Vectra technology.
- The **Core Study (Mind your Moles Study)** has now finished. A total of 1279 clinic visits were completed over the past three years. Of the 10 pilot participants and 196 main study participants enrolled at baseline, 9 pilot participants and 164 main study participants remained in the study at their final 36-month visit. Data analysis for the Mind Your Moles baseline paper is underway.
- **Program I: Genetics and Epidemiology of Naevi** is focusing on analysis of the imaging and genomic data collected from the 1254 participants. There have been 2 recent publications (McMeniman et al, 2019; Stark et al, 2020) and 1 paper is in press (Landi et al, 2020). Links to all CRE articles can be found on the [CRE Publications page](#).
- **Program II: Consumer Facilitated Naevi Monitoring** enrolled participants recruited as part of the CRE Core Study and commenced in late 2018. Due to the limited number of mobile dermatoscopes (*Handyscope*), this program was conducted in 2 waves. The first wave enrolled

21 participants who were asked to monitor 2 clinician-identified lesions located on easy-to-see body areas. The second wave is now complete, with 13 participants enrolled who monitored 2 clinician-identified lesions on difficult-to-see body areas. The data from Program II will build on and complement the research already conducted within the complementary NHMRC Partnership Project APP1113962 'Redesigning skin cancer early detection and care' (2015-2018).

- **Program III: Molecular and Genetic Properties of Changing Naevi.** This Program includes a case group (advanced melanoma patients) and a control group (with a personal/family history of melanoma), with participants attending baseline imaging (0 months), and follow-up imaging at 4 months, 8 months and 12 months. All imaging appointments have been completed and data analysis is ongoing. Three manuscripts are currently under preparation, following on from 2 previously published case reports (Thomas et al, 2017; Laino et al, 2018).
- **Health Hack:** Further development of the Health Hack app 'Donate-a-Mole' will be explored in 2020.
- A complete list of **CRE Conference Presentations** can be found on the [CRE Presentations page](#). CRE Chief Investigator Monika Janda is currently scheduled to present at the 5th International UV & Skin Cancer Prevention Conference in Belgium in September (TBC).
- The **CRE Collaborative Authorship Guidelines**, along with a regularly updated **CRE Publications List (March 2020 version)**, are attached with this email for your reference. There is an 'Opt-In' approach for all CRE publications. The current Publication List (March 2020) includes all publications that are currently underway or proposed, and any CRE researchers who wish to contribute should contact the principal author of the relevant publication. Details of all CRE publications can be found on the [CRE Publications page](#).
- The [Mind Your Moles Instagram](#) account is being used to complement the other social media activities carried out by the Centre, through the Mind Your Moles [Facebook page](#) and [CRE Twitter account](#). The account has grown to nearly 400 followers, the majority of whom are female (91%), aged 25-34 and residing in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. Please share the account handle widely so that we get additional followers involved.
- CRE Chief Investigators Professor Janda and Professor Soyer published a Nevi Article Series in [Karger Dermatology](#). The series included one editorial and four research articles which explored how social media and digital health can be used for the prevention and early detection of skin cancer.
- **Skin and Skin Cancer Seminars.** The March 2020 *Skin and Skin Cancer Seminar Series*, hosted by the [Australian Skin and Skin Cancer Research Centre \(ASSC\)](#) in conjunction with [Brisbane Diamantina Health Partners \(BDHP\) Skin and Skin Cancer Theme](#) has been postponed. Please contact [Melissa Kerr](#) if you have any queries.