



Welcome to the Summer Edition of QSkin News. We hope that the festive season has been filled with the joy of family and friends.

In this edition we bring updates on the QSkin study, including funding for a sub-study and presentations at the Global Controversies and Advances in Skin Cancer Conference.

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Study progress

Rates of skin cancer

A very important aim of the QSkin study is to accurately record the rate of new skin cancers in Queenslanders.

We have linked the QSkin dataset with records from Medicare to find out who was treated for skin cancer between July 2012 and July 2013. We are now requesting clinical information about these skin cancers from the pathology laboratories so we can determine which types of skin cancer have been treated.

Diet survey

The online version of the QSkin diet survey has now come to a close. We would like to sincerely thank all of the QSkin participants who completed the survey.

Some people have requested a paper copy of the survey and we will endeavour to mail these out in the coming months.

Some of the findings from the diet survey will be included in a later edition of the QSkin News, so watch this space!

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Study progress update

QSkin Genetics study to commence

Global Controversies and Advances in Skin Cancer Conference

A Woman of Influence

New QSkin project: the genetics of skin cancer

Early in 2013, we applied for funding to study the genetics of skin cancer. We are very excited to tell you that our application was successful, with \$3.3 million awarded to pursue this goal. The QSkin Genetics project aims to identify the genes that influence a person's risk of developing skin cancer. This information will help us to understand how skin cancer develops, and may contribute to the development of new treatments. From July, we will begin inviting all existing QSkin participants to take part in this new study. Of course, taking part in QSkin Genetics is completely voluntary.

If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to donate a small saliva sample (2ml) and complete a brief two-page survey asking about your general health and lifestyle (*much* smaller than the previous survey!). More details will be available soon.

QSkin presents at Global Controversies and Advances in Skin Cancer Conference

In November 2013, QSkin investigators, David Whiteman, Adèle Green and Catherine Olsen gave presentations at the Global Controversies and Advances in Skin Cancer Conference held in Brisbane.

This event brought together leading skin cancer researchers and clinicians from around the world to share the latest findings in this rapidly moving field. Collaborators from the Griffith Health Institute at Griffith University also presented QSkin findings on the costs of treating non-melanoma skin cancers.

GLOBAL CONTROVERSIES AND ADVANCES IN SKIN CANCER

Chief Investigator Adèle Green: Australia's Woman of Influence

Professor Adèle Green was named **Overall Winner** of the 2013 Westpac and the Financial Review's 100 Women of Influence at a gala event held in Sydney on 17 October 2013. The stellar award recognised Adèle for her leading role in understanding the causes of melanoma over the past 20 years.

Not only did Adele win the Overall Award, but she also won the highly-contested **Innovation** category. This second award recognised her pioneering work in melanoma prevention proving that daily sunscreen use can halve the risk of melanoma. For more information, including the full list of 100 Women of Influence, visit www.afr.com.au/100women.

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