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Skin Cancer Surgical Audit

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RACGP - QI Activity, Surgery,
+ 40 Category 1 points

ACRRM - 30 PRPD
+ 30 Surgery MOPS

Easy data collection

Online reporting
and evaluations



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Designed to improve the quality of patient care and outcomes, our skin cancer surgical audit allows referring doctors to participate in a comparative review of their personal findings against those of their peer group and the general practitioner cohort.

The Sonic Clinical Audit is an independent, Australia-wide program with more than 4,000 participating general practitioners.

How it works

Registration

To register, please contact your local Sonic pathology practice. These details are listed on the back of this brochure. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation letter and your personalised surgical audit request forms. Please note that surgical audit forms are compatible with all commonly used practice management software but are only available in A4 format.

Easy data collection using specialised skin audit request forms

When collecting specimens, use the special surgical audit request forms from your local Sonic Healthcare laboratory, and simply add the additional clinical data on the back of the form. We use this information to collate your individual report.

Receive your report

The clinical audit report is generated at the end of each reporting period. It contains statistically relevant feedback about your own practice in comparison to that of your peer group and the general practitioner cohort.

Submit your personal evaluation questionnaire at the end of each reporting period

The clinical audit is based on reviewing the reports and submitting personal evaluation questionnaires for two consecutive time-intervals in the triennium.

Features of our Clinical Audit - Skin Cancer Surgical Audit

- Enrolment is available to any doctor who refers skin pathology to a Sonic Healthcare pathology practice.
- We believe a clinical audit should be representative of your actual clinical practice, so we do not set a minimum number of lesions that you must refer.
- On submitting cases to the audit, an interval report and evaluation will be available in your account.
- All results are completely confidential.
- The inclusion of the peer group category allows you to reflect on your outcomes in the context of GPs in similar practices (eg General Practitioner plus skin cancer work; Dedicated Skin Cancer Practitioner).
 - You receive statistically relevant feedback about:
 - Your own personal performance
 - Performance of GPs within your peer group
 - Performance of the overall GP cohort
- Clear graphs allow easy interpretation of your diagnostic and collection skills.
- The collaboration of Sonic Healthcare pathology practices across Australia means that you are part of one of the largest clinical audits of its kind, with access to an enormous data pool of lesions.
- Progress reports and episode summaries:
 - Episode summaries are issued in csv format compatible with Excel. They include patient demographics and all data captured in the audit database.
 - Progress reports are issued in pdf format with your personal data. Progress reports enable you to review your outcomes at any time and are of particular value when you have modified your clinical process or procedures.

NEW REPORT FEATURES

- Dermoscopy usage and diagnostic accuracy
- Regional NNT values

Continuing professional development

RACGP - QI & CPD Category 1 points

The Skin Cancer Surgical Audit is approved by the RACGP - QI & CPD with 40 Category 1 points being awarded to eligible participants who complete the audit (two time-intervals). Additional Category 1 points are available for doctors who complete further sets of time-intervals in the triennium. It also qualifies as a QI activity for eligible participants with a specific interest requirement for surgery.

ACRRM - PRPD points*

As an ACRRM-approved activity, 30 PRPD + 30 Surgery MOPS points per triennium are awarded for the completion of an audit (two time-intervals). Additional core points are available for doctors who complete further sets of time-intervals in the triennium.

*Approval pending

What you receive as a participant

- Personalised surgical audit request forms
- Personal surgical audit reports at the completion of each time-interval
- Exclusive access to Sonic Healthcare's educational activities
- Progress reports at any time
- Episode summaries at any time
- Dermoscopic impact on diagnostic accuracy
- Regional NNTs

The interval report includes:

- Total number of patients referred for dermatopathology
- Number of patients included in interval report
- Number of new lesions
- Percentage of new lesions tested that were malignant
- Number Needed to Treat (NNT) for all skin cancers, non-melanoma skin cancers and melanoma
- Diagnostic accuracy
- Margin adequacy (where applicable)
- Breakdown of surgical management procedures
- Surgical Audit Diagnostic Accuracy Table comparing your provisional diagnosis with the histological diagnosis for all new lesions

