

## Expect new features in the Skin Cancer Surgical Audit 2020-2022

The 2020-2022 triennium of our skin cancer surgical audit will begin on 1 January next year. It will feature even more reports, as well as a new summative report.

Offered by Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology, and designed to improve the quality of patient care, the Sonic Healthcare Skin Cancer Surgical Audit is an independent, Australia-wide program with thousands of participating GPs. It allows referring doctors with an interest in skin cancer to participate in a comparative review of their personal findings against those of their peers and the wider GP cohort.

Participating in the audit is simply an extension of your normal clinical procedure, as you include additional clinical observations on a special audit request form. These, along with the histological margins, contribute to the outcomes that are reported in the comprehensive six-monthly interval reports.

Since its inception in 2007, the audit has been continually reviewed and enhanced, in collaboration with participating general practitioners, to ensure that its learning outcomes incorporate and reflect trends in skin cancer medicine.

### New reported outcomes

In addition to the existing six-month interval reports, such as Number Needed to Treat (NNT), diagnostic accuracy (with and without dermatoscopy) and surgical management margins, new features have been added:

- additional peer groups that are based on case numbers
- count of cases is included in each dataset
- biopsy types are stratified with peer comparisons
- enhanced highlighting of melanoma diagnoses in the diagnostic accuracy and sensitivity table.

### New summative report added

We are pleased to provide, for the first time, a new summative report. It will be generated after the completion of two consecutive six-month intervals, and outcomes will continue to be added as each subsequent six-month interval is completed. This summary of outcomes will enable you to measure your achievement against the learning requirements of the audit. This report is being incorporated into the Skin Cancer Surgical Audit in accordance with the new RACGP CPD accreditation standard.\*

\*RACGP and ACRRM approvals pending.

### As a participant you will receive

- access to the largest clinical audit of its kind in Australia
- reassurance that reported outcomes are both standardised and statistically relevant
- a guarantee that your data and outcomes are completely confidential
- access to other Sonic Healthcare complementary educational activities.

The audit is delivered online and accessible at any time, making it a flexible and achievable continuing professional development activity. The content of the reports is clinically relevant and based on a general practitioner-guided needs assessment. We do not mandate a minimum number of referrals as cases included should be representative of your clinical practice.

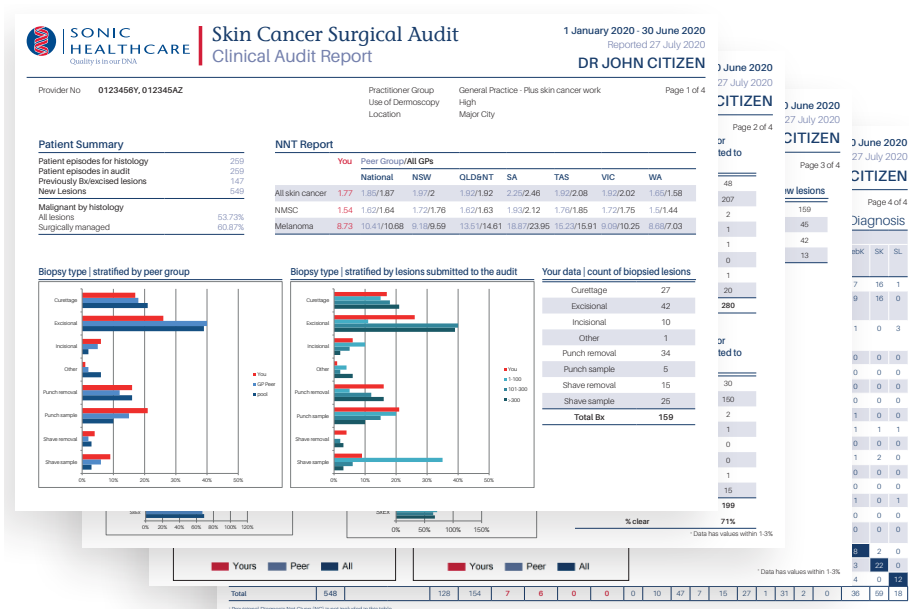
Every six months you will receive a comprehensive interval report that is generated automatically and uploaded to your

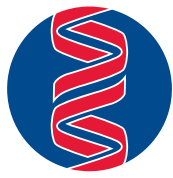
account to be viewed and evaluated at your convenience. The outcomes are presented in clear, easy-to-interpret graphs and tables that provide comparative outcomes for your general practitioner peer group and the wider complete general practitioner audit community.

### Like to join?

All doctors who have completed an audit in this triennium will be automatically re-enrolled in the 2020-2022 triennium.

Email your registration to [skinaudit@snp.com.au](mailto:skinaudit@snp.com.au) or contact your Medical Liaison Manager on 1300 767 284.





**Now available at:**

<https://www.snp.com.au/clinicians/education/education-video-library/guided-microscopy>

**Atypical fibroxanthoma**

Dr Louis Pool describes AFX, a tumor usually experienced by older people, that presents in sun-damaged skin. Typically a definite diagnosis relies on immunohistochemistry to exclude the differential diagnoses of melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma or sarcoma.

**The lichenoid reaction pattern**

Dr Blake O'Brien presents a guided microscopy session exploring the histological features of the lichenoid reaction pattern, including the changes that occur associated with keratinocyte apoptosis. The demonstration includes examples of neoplastic and inflammatory conditions, including benign lichenoid keratosis and lupus.

**Is it really an SCC? How to spot a keratoacanthoma**

Dr Angus Collins guides the viewer through how to identify a keratoacanthoma under the microscope, and how to distinguish this lesion from a well-differentiated squamous cell carcinoma (SCC). Examples include both active and regressed keratoacanthomas, as well as SCCs.

**Common viral infection conditions of the skin**

Dr David Ryan explores the histopathology of many commonly encountered skin conditions, including herpes virus, molluscum contagiosum and verruca vulgaris.

**Basal cell carcinoma — Aggressive types**

Dr Jason Gluch continues his discussion of aggressive type basal cell carcinoma, such as sclerosing, infiltrating and micronodular BCC.

**Squamous dysplasia**

Dr Lisa Wilkinson explores squamous dysplasia in the context of solar keratosis, intraepidermal carcinoma (squamous cell carcinoma in situ) and squamous cell carcinoma.

**The mysterious lentigo**

Dr Jill Magee clarifies the term 'lentigo' and its use in the reporting of skin pathology cases.

**Be prepared for Christmas**

**Stores**

To avoid running out of essential stocks over Christmas, such as personalised request form books and consumables, we advise our referrers to order stores before Friday 13 December for delivery before 23 December.

Our stores department will be open to accept orders over the Christmas period, with despatch to recommence on December 30.



**Warfarin Care enrolments**

To ensure the safe and complete enrolment of patients into our Warfarin Care program, enrolments will be closed between the following dates:

**Community patients:** closing 5 pm Friday 6 December 2019 and re-opening 9 am Monday 6 January 2020.

**Hospital patients:** closing 5 pm Tuesday 10 December 2019 and re-opening 9 am Monday 6 January 2020.

**Collection centres**

Please see [www.snp.com.au](http://www.snp.com.au) for updates to pathology collection centre hours of operation.

**Cardiology services**

The Cardiology department is closing 5 pm Friday 20 December 2019 and re-opening 9 am Monday 6 January 2020 for all services. Monitoring services are unavailable during this time.

**The Sonic Healthcare Cervical Screening Test Audit 2020–2022 triennium**

The 2020–2022 triennium of the Sonic Healthcare Cervical Screening Test Audit will begin on 1 January. All participating doctors will be automatically re-enrolled.

The audit provides participating clinicians with comparative statistical data to better understand and reflect on cervical screening in their practices, including the type of testing undertaken and the prevalence of HPV in their local population. Developed in conjunction with a panel of practising GPs, the audit helps practitioners to better understand the clinical implications of the reporting systems and assists with transitioning patients into the new program.

To register for the program please email [education@snp.com.au](mailto:education@snp.com.au) or contact your Medical Liaison Manager on 1300 767 284.