

# Skin Excision Evaluation Program

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*Towards Better Diagnostic Outcomes  
& Earning CPD Points*



This activity is approved by the  
RACGP for 40 Cat 1 CPD QI points

# Skin Cancer: The Dark Side Of The Sun

With an area of almost 8 million square kilometres, Australia is the country of the great outdoors. What is also great – yet not worthy of celebration – is the portion of Australians diagnosed with skin cancer. According to Cancer Council Australia, approximately two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they are 70, with more than 750,000 people treated for one or more non-melanoma skin cancers in Australia each year.

Together, doctors and patients can improve these numbers, and Perth Pathology can help you achieve that goal.

Every year, in Australia:



Skin cancers account for around 80% of all newly diagnosed cancers



GPs have over 1 million patient consultations per year for skin cancer



Over 95% of skin cancer is caused by exposure to the sun



One of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, two to three times higher than Canada, USA and UK

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Dr Heenan graduated from the University of Western Australia and completed his training at the Radcliffe infirmary at Oxford. Peter established Cutaneous Pathology, the first private skin pathology service in WA, in 1987. Dr Heenan is a past President of the Australian Dermatopathology Society, past Vice President of the International Society of Dermatopathology and is currently a Clinical Professor of Pathology, UWA.



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# Skin Excision Evaluation Program

Perth Pathology's program combines the latest scientific and technological advancements to deliver better outcomes for both doctors and patients than ever before.

Our Skin Excision Evaluation Program enables general practitioners who refer skin pathology to Perth Pathology to submit their provisional diagnosis on cases in which histological evaluation is needed.

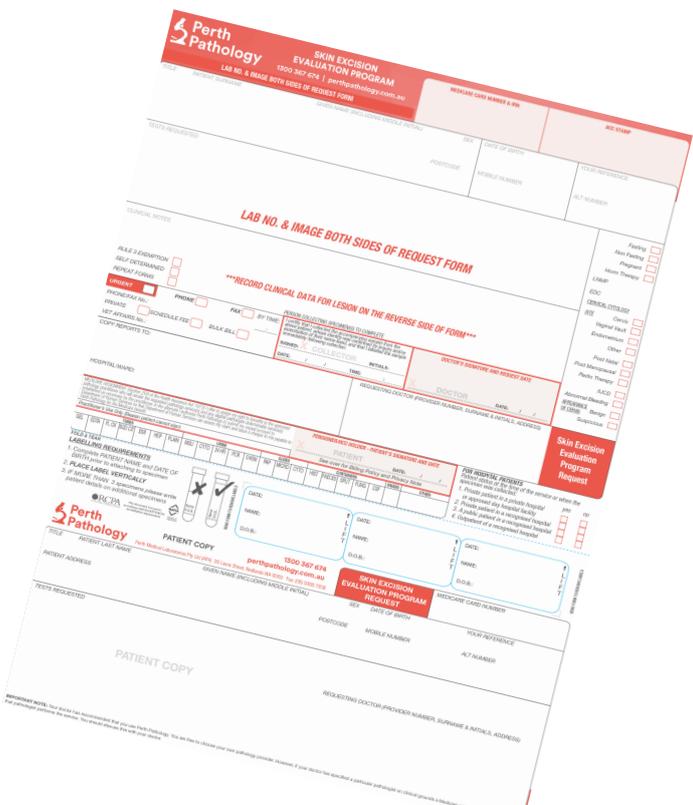
Monthly Skin Excision Evaluation Reports will be generated for all participants, highlighting performance against the performance of peers, while maintaining confidentiality of all clinicians.

## Participation And Evaluation

To be eligible for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points, participants must follow the guidelines of the program.

Skin Excision Evaluation 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.

Each month you will receive an email to let you know that your latest Skin Excision Evaluation Report is available. At the end of each 6 month interval you will be also sent an evaluation form, which is required to be completed in order to obtain your CPD points.



# Skin Excision Evaluation Report

## H.A.R.P Reporting by Australian Clinical Labs

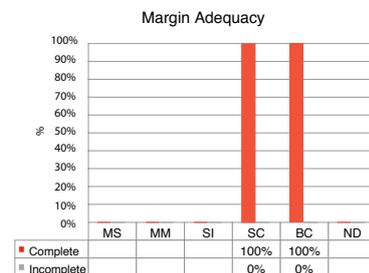
Reporting on successfully submitted skin excisions allows participants to download the charts and tables to support ongoing education. A feature of this program allows participants to review their progress with peers and also state and national benchmarks confidentially.

To access these reports you will need to login: [www.clinicallabs.com.au/harp](http://www.clinicallabs.com.au/harp)



*Perth Pathology is a RACGP approved activity provider and has 2 Education Activity Representatives (EAR). Therefore, your participation in our exclusive Skin Excision Evaluation Program makes you eligible for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points.*

## H.A.R.P Portal Charts



The chart above helps you compare the percentage between the complete and incomplete margins amongst the excisions submitted based on type.

Number of Specimens		Total
Number of patients over interval		17
New lesions		10
Previously biopsied lesions		0
Total lesions for this interval		19

In this table, you can view a breakdown of the number of samples you have provided to the program over the current interval.

Melanoma Data		Your total	Peer group total (SA)	Peer group (NAT)	HSP total
Melanoma in situ / HMF / lentigo maligna	MS	0	0	9	39
Melanoma, invasive	MM	0	5	10	32

Through the Melanoma Data table, you can compare your number of patients diagnosed with invasive and non-invasive melanomas against your peers and all other participants in your state as well as nationwide.

## Obtaining Continuing Professional Development Points

To be eligible to obtain RACGP QI & CPD points, participants must submit a minimum of 20 histology samples each 6 month interval. Once each interval has been completed, an evaluation form is to be filled out. These activities over the 2 intervals will be submitted to the RACGP for 40 Category 1 points or to the ACRRM for 30 PRDP points.

This activity is approved by the RACGP for 40 Cat 1 CPD QI points (Activity number 82478) and ACRRM 30 PRDP points (ID number 7762). Perth Pathology is an approved activity provider with the RACGP - AAP # 626080.

**Please note:** Taking part in the program does not guarantee the allocation of points.

## Features And Benefits Of Our Program

### Features

- Statistical data presented in user friendly charts
- Opportunity to compare personal performance with peers (confidentially)
- Provision of relevant data and feedback to help identify areas for practice development

### Benefits

- Better health outcomes and improved doctor-patient relationship
- Advancement of prognostic skills
- Acquisition of CPD points

## Why Choose Perth Pathology?

DOCTORS	PATIENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunity to earn CPD points to extend clinical management</li><li>• Provided with feedback to further develop skills</li><li>• Improvement of skin excision proficiency</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greater doctor-patient assurance</li><li>• Improved health</li><li>• Higher rate of successful skin cancer treatments</li><li>• Superior quality of life</li></ul>



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