

## MASC Trials Concept Development Workshop (CDW)

If you are working in melanoma or skin cancer research and are interested in attending a half-day CDW with a dermatology focus to further develop your concept and contribute to discussions with other researchers, then please register your interest. MASC Trials will facilitate the workshop, which aims to identify and address gaps in melanoma or skin cancer research and support MASC Trials members to develop their work in this area.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2025, 9AM to 1PM at Paula Fox Melanoma and Cancer Centre, Melbourne, or alternatively via Zoom for interstate attendees.

Note that while MASC Trials will cover the cost of the workshop, researchers should cover their own travel expenses if attending in person.

The meeting will provide a supportive environment for intensive input on study design and methods from a multi-disciplinary faculty with expertise in melanoma and skin cancer, biostatistics, health economics, and quality of life as well as consumers.

### Who can register their interest and how?

Expression of Interests (EOIs) are open to MASC Trials members or those interested in becoming a member, and interested in pursuing research in melanoma and skin cancer.

To register your concept, please email the completed 'New Research Concept Form' to [katja.loewe@masc.org.au](mailto:katja.loewe@masc.org.au) by COB 03 October 2025.

### The review process:

EOIs will be reviewed by representatives from multiple DSA groups, MASC Trials Consumer Advisory Panel Chair, a QoL academic (CQUEST), and a health economist (CREST). Investigators with proposals selected for discussion at the CDW will be notified shortly after the closing date.

### Submissions will be considered on the basis of:

- Impact: Potential to inform the science and practice of melanoma and skin cancer, has potential to significantly improve health outcomes and likely to be of interest to funding bodies
- Scientific quality: The study design and methods that have been proposed in the EOI have the potential to be developed into a high-quality research plan
- Feasibility: The investigators have the required expertise (or can access this via MASC Trials) and are likely to be able to garner the needed resources to successfully complete the project

### Presentation structure

Please note that summaries new research proposals will be distributed to attendees 2 weeks prior to the CDW. Each new research proposal will have 5 minutes to present followed by 20-25 minutes of discussion/questions.

### Cost

There are no registration costs.

### Conditions

MASC Trials will support the development of presented concepts as trial coordinating centre via our Melanoma and Skin Cancer Research Centre, Monash University.

Please note that all attendees will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement to facilitate open sharing and discussions of new concepts.

If you are currently working on a new research proposal which will not yet be ready to present for this workshop, please reach out to [katja.loewe@masc.org.au](mailto:katja.loewe@masc.org.au) to discuss this separately. To stay up to date with our upcoming events and workshops, subscribe to our [enews](#).