



## THE SUN-D TRIAL

### INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES AUSTRALIA CONSENT

**Providing consent for us to access information about you from the Medicare Benefits Schedule and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme is optional.**

We will use this information to determine if sunscreen reduces your need for treatment of sunspots or cancers on your skin. For more information about this, see the box below.

#### **Medicare Benefits Schedule and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme data**

When you see a doctor, or have a test or procedure outside a public hospital, the information is recorded in a database called the **Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)**. However, the database does not hold information about what you talked to the doctor about, or the results of your tests.

When you are dispensed a medication that is subsidised by the government, the type of medication and the date it was dispensed are recorded in a database called the **Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)**.

The MBS and PBS databases are held confidentially by Services Australia. We will ask you to sign a separate consent form if you are willing for us to obtain information from these databases about any treatments or therapies related to treatment of spots on your skin. We will send the form securely to Services Australia. Information about the data we will obtain will be given to you before you sign the form. [You can also click here.](#)

*Services Australia is not involved in the conduct of this study other than to release your Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and/or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) claims information.*

#### **PRIVACY & CONFIDENTIALITY**

We are very careful to maintain the confidentiality of your information. Your Services Australia information will be de-identified and stored securely by the Study. All of your data, including your MBS and PBS data, will be coded with a participant identification number and held separately from information that could identify you, such as your name and address. It will be stored securely on QIMR Berghofer's computer network, and only approved staff will be able to access it. We will never share your information that could identify you with anybody else, unless required to by law.

Your personal information held by Services Australia is protected by the Privacy Act 1988 and cannot be given to a third party without your consent or where otherwise permitted by law. For more information about privacy, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacy](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacy)

Services Australia has confirmed that this research and any associated documents, have been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) that is registered with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and operates within guidelines set out by the NHMRC

## WHAT IF I DECIDE TO TAKE PART AND THEN CHANGE MY MIND

If you have signed the Services Australia consent form (allowing us to access your MBS and/or PBS records) you can withdraw this consent, and ask us to destroy any MBS/PBS information we have already obtained.\* This will not affect your access to health services or government benefits.

Withdrawing from the trial will not affect your future care in any way.

You can let us know if you would like to withdraw from any aspects of the study by telephone, email, or by writing to us.

\* Please note: if information about you has already been analysed or included in a publication it may not be able to be destroyed.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE RESEARCH PROJECT ENDS?

We may continue to obtain information from the MBS/PBS for up to 4 years after all participants have completed the trial, unless you ask us not to.

## MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME DATA

A sample of the information that may be included in your Medicare claims history is shown below:

Date of service	Item number	Item description	Date of referral
20/04/2022	31356	Surgical excision of malignant skin lesion	20/03/2022
22/06/2022	30071	Biopsy of skin	

A sample of the information that may be included in your PBS claims history:

Date of supply	Date of prescribing	PBS item code	Item description	Form Category	ATC Code	ATC Name
06/08/2022	01/03/09	4222F	Fluorouracil 5% cream	Original	L01 B C 02	Fluorouracil
08/09/2022	01/03/09	4222F	Fluorouracil 5% cream	Repeat	L01 B C 02	Fluorouracil

## WHAT IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR WANT TO MAKE A COMPLAINT?

If you want any further information concerning this project you can contact one of the following:

For general questions about the study:

### The Principal Investigator:

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If you have a privacy complaint in relation to the use of your Services Australia data you should contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner. You will be able to lodge a complaint with them.

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