Welcome to the February 2023 Melanoma Focus Newsletter

We hope our newsletter finds you well.

UPDATES FROM MELANOMA FOCUS

BBC LIFELINE APPEAL

We have a very exciting announcement to share with you all!

Melanoma Focus has been chosen as the focus of the May 2023 BBC Lifeline appeal in line with Melanoma Awareness Month.

We cannot wait to share more information with you in due course! Watch this space!

OUR MEMBERS ARE EXPERTS IN MELANOMA

REGISTRATION OPEN: Melanoma Focus Virtual Regional Meeting May 2023

We are delighted to invite you to register for the virtual Regional meeting on **Friday 12th May 2023** organised by Professor Marianne Nicolson, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. The early bird rate for this event ends 16th April 2023. Please submit your **poster abstracts by 16th April 2023** (250 words maximum): mbridge@melanomafocus.org

As always, CPD accreditation (6 credits) is being applied for. If you are unsure about your membership, please email memberships@melanomafocus.org

View Draft Programme & Register

Save the date: Please also save the date for the next Focus on Melanoma meeting which will take place **Friday 13th October** at the Royal College of Physicians in London organised by Professor Rowan Pritchard-Jones.

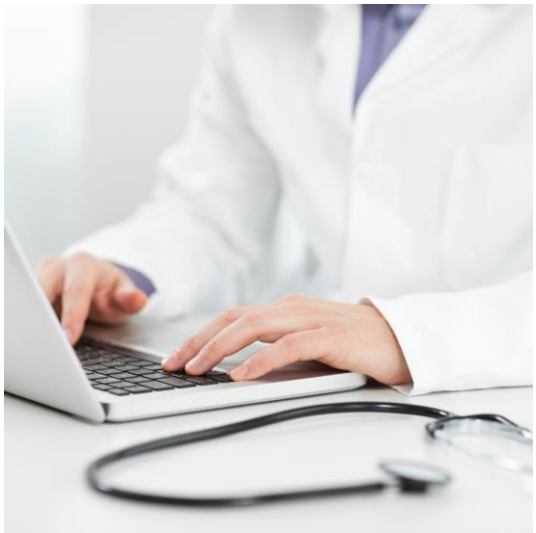
Call for Research Proposals 2023

Melanoma Focus are delighted to invite research proposals from melanoma clinicians, scientists, nurses and allied health care professionals to fund research up to a figure of £20,000 in the field of melanoma for patient benefit.

If you would like to register interest and an application will be forwarded to you, please complete the simple form here.

Please submit your proposal by **31.03.23**

Melanoma Focus Doctors Census 2023



Aim: To undertake a census of melanoma doctors of all grades, across the United Kingdom, in order to determine how better Melanoma Focus can provide support and educational tools for you and your patients.

This melanoma medical census should only take approximately **5-10 minutes** to complete. Please submit by **28.02.23**

Complete the Census

Skin Cancer Nurse Survey: Views about patient support

In addition to the medical census, we have just launched an additional nursing survey for nurses to complete about patient support services. We belief that it is also critical to garner nursing views in order to help Melanoma Focus understand what information, educational tools and support services you would like for your melanoma patients.

Complete the Skin Cancer Nurse Survey

PUTTING PATIENTS AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO

REGISTER NOW: Melanoma Patient Conference 2023
16th & 17th March 2023

At this year's Melanoma Patient Conference you will hear from a range of speakers covering topics on treatment, clinical trials and AI technology. There will also be a session dedicated to 'to living with uncertainty' as a melanoma patient. We will hear from Maggie's Lead Psychologist and Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Lesley Howells on how 'To be the person that matters to you'. We will also here from Skin Cancer Nurse Specialist, Gemma Hewitt about 'The enduring effects of treatment'.

Please note this event is also open to healthcare professionals and researchers in the field of melanoma. If you are a healthcare professional and wish to share information about the conference, you can download and print this flyer.

***Registration for this event closes 05/03/2023**

We cannot wait to welcome you all!

Sign up today!

New Pages on Stage 2B & 2C Adjuvant Melanoma Treatment

We have recently updated the illustrative visuals on our website explaining the potential benefit of adjuvant treatment for 2B and stage 2C melanoma recently approved by NICE TA837 see here.

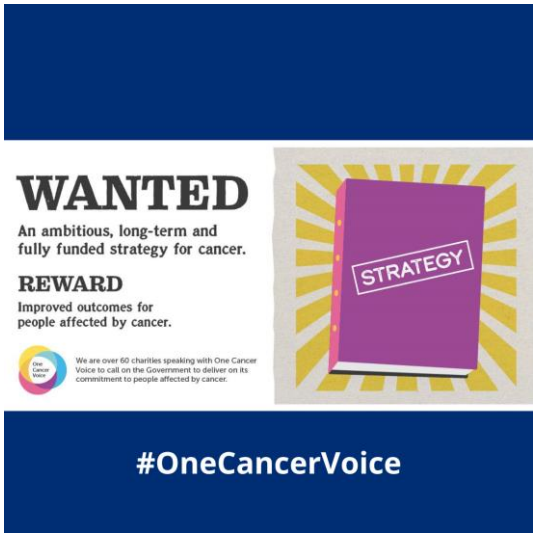
Click on the links below to access the updated 2B and 2C pages:

2B Adjuvant page
2C Adjuvant page

VAT Burn Campaign

On 9th February 2023, MPs debated a “common sense” proposal backed by cross-party MPs, Melanoma Focus and other cancer charities to abolish VAT on sunscreen products and initiate a public health campaign about the risks of not using sunscreen (the full debate is available to watch **here.**).Thank you to Amy Callaghan, MP for leading the debate on abolishing VAT on sunscreen and to other MPs who spoke. On 21st February 2023, Amy's VATBurn ten minute rule bill was passed in parliament.

One Cancer Voice



A year ago, on World Cancer Day, on 4 February 2022, the UK Government declared a ‘war on cancer’ and committed to tackling this challenge through the publication of a 10-Year Cancer Plan for England. 11 months passed and the Government has still not published the 10-Year Cancer Plan. Instead, it recently announced the publication an interim 5-year ‘Major Conditions Strategy’, to replace the promised 10-Year Cancer Plan.

Supporters from over 60 cancer charities are coming together to call for one thing – Government action on cancer.

Sign the Petition

READY FOR A 2023 CHALLENGE?

100 MILES IN MAY IS BACK!

The 100 Miles in May challenge is back! So get your trainers on! It's another year of working with SKCIN and during May you can support not only one charity but two! The money that you raise will go towards supporting patients, providing education and helping increase awareness this Melanoma Awareness Month. You can do 100 miles anyway you'd like. Why not challenge yourself and do more? The world is your oyster! On your own or in a team, we will be with you every step of the way!

Count Me In!

NEW: Find yourself an Ultra Challenge!

Sign up for an Ultra Challenge & achieve something great in 2023! You can walk, jog or run your Ultra Challenge! There are a variety of challenges in different locations across the UK, varying from 100km to 10K taster events! There really is something for everyone.

You can get **25%** off your registration fee by using the code **NYCHARITY23** (this ends 28th February)

Find your Challenge Now

Royal Parks Half Marathon 2023

The Royal Parks Half Marathon is one of London's most scenic running events and welcomes thousands of runners every year.

- Sunday 8 October 2023
- Hyde Park, London
- 13.1 miles
- £350 minimum sponsorship

Sign Up Now

AND FINALLY...

The Melanoma Focus Helpline enables specialist skin cancer nurses to offer support and guidance to melanoma patients and their families.

This is only possible with your help.

Please consider making a donation today to ensure our helpline nurses can continue

to support melanoma patients when they need us most.

Donate

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