

## RESEARCH STUDY:

### Supportive Care Needs of Melanoma Patients and their Carers

You are invited to take a part in a study exploring **supports that may help melanoma patients and their carers cope better with melanoma diagnosis, treatment and survivorship**. We are interested to hear about views and experiences of both **people diagnosed with melanoma and their carers**. We would like you to participate if you:

- ✓ Are 18 years of age or older
- ✓ Are proficient in English
- ✓ (PATIENTS ONLY) You have been diagnosed with Stage I-IV melanoma and
  - Are currently undergoing treatment for your melanoma (e.g. surgery, immunotherapy, targeted therapy, radiation therapy or chemotherapy) OR you have completed melanoma treatment no longer than 2 years ago.
  - Have NOT had any other cancer diagnoses in the last 5 years
- ✓ (CARERS ONLY) you have been caring for a person diagnosed with Stage I-IV melanoma. The melanoma patient that you care for:
  - Is currently undergoing treatment for their melanoma (e.g. surgery, immunotherapy, targeted therapy, radiation therapy or chemotherapy) OR they have completed melanoma treatment no longer than 2 years ago.
  - Has NO other cancer diagnoses in the last 5 years

#### ***Why is this study being done?***

Melanoma diagnosis and treatment significantly affects the lives of both patients and carers. It is at the time of melanoma diagnosis and during its treatment that patients and carers may need additional help. This study aims to describe and understand the additional help that may be needed during this time and how to best provide this help.

#### ***What is involved in this study?***

You will be asked to complete a confidential on-line survey which will take about 30 minutes. The questions will relate to your general health and well-being, your experiences, thoughts, feelings and enquire about the areas where you may require additional help and support. These questions can be answered completely anonymously (we will not ask you to provide any personal information that may identify you).

This study has two additional parts that you can participate in if you wish (you can choose to participate in neither, one or both of those additional research studies):

- **Telephone (or face-to-face) interview** that will reflect on your melanoma / caring experience that will last about 30-60 minutes. Towards the end of the survey you will be asked to provide your email ONLY if you are interested in participating in this second, optional part of the study
- **Provide details of your carer OR the patient that you care for** so they can also provide their point of view. Towards the end of the survey, you will be asked to provide their email (if they are happy to be contacted about this study)

If you are interested in participating, please go to the study website:

<https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=J38EEJHX88>

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