



Patient Support Groups

Providing practical and emotional support

At the Australasian College of Dermatologists, we understand that skin conditions are not just skin deep but can have an emotional, physical and mental impact.

Patient support groups in Australia provide practical and emotional support to help patients, their carers and their families affected by chronic skin conditions.



**ALBINISM
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The Albinism Fellowship of Australia (AFA) is a national, non-profit organisation established in 2005. The fellowship is run by volunteers who all have been personally touched by albinism in some way. The AFA's key purpose is to provide support, education and fellowship to those with albinism, parents of children with albinism as well as their families and friends.

www.albinismaustralia.org



HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AUSTRALIA

Hidradenitis Suppurativa Australia is a dedicated charity that runs an online support community for those living with Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS), liaises with researchers on the impacts of HS, and holds events including HS Awareness Week in June each year. We promote awareness, advocacy and understanding with the aim of earlier diagnosis and better treatment.

www.facebook.com/HidradenitisSuppurativaAus



**Allergy & Anaphylaxis
Australia**

Your trusted charity for allergy support:

ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS AUSTRALIA

Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia is a charitable, not-for-profit organisation established in 1993. As the trusted charity for allergy support, our vision is improved quality of life for all Australians living with allergic disease. With a Medical Advisory Board to consult for advice, we provide evidence-based information, resources and services to support children and adults living with allergic disease.

www.allergyfacts.org.au



Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation Inc.
Alopecia Areata
..... It's like changing

AUSTRALIA ALOPECIA AREATA FOUNDATION INC

Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation Inc. (AAAF) was founded in 2010 with the purpose of improving the lives of people living with alopecia areata and their families. We have three missions; to provide support to those with all forms of alopecia areata, and their families; to inform the public and create awareness of alopecia areata; and to support research into a cure or acceptable treatment for alopecia areata.

www.aaaf.org.au



Psoriasis Australia
Support Education Awareness
www.psoriasisaustralia.org.au

PSORIASIS AUSTRALIA

Psoriasis Australia strives to assist people with psoriasis, or those wanting to know about psoriasis, by providing beneficial information and support enabling educated decisions to be made on treatment choices and lifestyle changes.

www.psoriasisaustralia.org.au



SCLERODERMA AUSTRALIA

Scleroderma Australia aims to promote scleroderma awareness on a national basis, disseminate information about scleroderma, fund and coordinate scleroderma research and advocate for improved and ongoing support for scleroderma patients.

www.sclerodermaaustralia.com.au



**VITILIGO
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The Vitiligo Association of Australia (VAA) is a not-for-profit association founded in September 2010 for patient support, public education and the promotion of research into vitiligo within Australia.

www.vitiligo.org.au



DEBRA (DYSTROPHIC EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION) AUSTRALIA

DEBRA Australia Ltd. is a volunteer based organisation that assists in improving the lives of children and adults living with EB, the debilitating and sometimes fatal condition, by providing necessary support services, medical supplies, aids and equipment, assistance with transition to independent living and research focusing on different aspects of EB.

www.debra.org.au



Eczema Support AUSTRALIA

- Your Hands to Hold -

ECZEMA SUPPORT AUSTRALIA

We understand the challenges of dealing with chronic eczema, also known as atopic dermatitis. We also understand the challenges of living with other atopic or allergic conditions. Therefore, Eczema Support Australia aims to provide real and practical support to Australians who are significantly impacted by these conditions. Our membership is free.

www.eczemasupport.org.au

melanoma. patients australia

MELANOMA PATIENTS AUSTRALIA

Melanoma Patients Australia (MPA) is an independent, not for profit organisation dedicated to supporting and representing those affected by melanoma. We provide many services to assist people on their journey with melanoma including: counselling, education, peer to peer connections and support groups both online, on the phone and face to face. Our vision is to reduce the impact of melanoma on all Australians.

www.melanomapatients.org.au



ECZEMA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA

The Eczema Association of Australasia Inc, a national non-profit organisation, supports and educates eczema sufferers and carers, along with the wider community, in all aspects of eczema and its impact with the aim of helping them manage their skin condition.

www.eczema.org.au



AUSTRALIAN GORLIN SYNDROME MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP

The Australian Gorlin Syndrome Mutual Support Group is composed of people with different professions and life experiences but we have this genetic condition in common. Our aim is to share our stories and to keep up to date with the latest research and treatments being offered.

www.gorlinsyndromesupportaustralia.weebly.com/

Additional Resources



ALL ABOUT ACNE

Find the most up-to-date, practical and relevant information on acne-related matters compiled by a group of health and medical experts from across Australia.

www.acne.org.au



MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER ADVOCACY NETWORK (MSCAN)

MSCAN is committed to representing the voice of those affected by melanoma or non-melanoma skin cancer and their families. Through support of innovative research and engagement with government, research organisations and industry stakeholders, MSCAN aims to ensure skin cancer receives the attention and funding it deserves.

www.mscan.org.au



NEVUS SUPPORT AUSTRALIA

Nevus Support Australia is Australia's first not for profit support group and charity, providing information and support to individuals and families affected by Congenital Melanocytic Nevus (CMN). We support research into pigmented skin conditions and associated conditions including melanoma, neurocutaneous melanocytosis (NCM) and hydrocephaly.

www.nevussupport.com



COELIAC AUSTRALIA

Coeliac Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation supporting people with coeliac disease and those medically diagnosed as requiring a gluten free diet. Coeliac Australia provides funding for research, information and resources to its members, the community, health professionals and the hospitality industry.

www.coeliac.org.au



ABOUT THE AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF DERMATOLOGISTS (ACD)

ACD is Australia's accredited training body and peak professional and membership organisation for medical specialists in dermatology. We are the Australian authority in skin, hair and nail health, education, information and advocacy.



For more information on where to find support scan the QR code or visit www.dermcoll.edu.au