**Qualitative study: Skin cancer follow-up**

**Interview questions**

1. Relevant personal data

Can you tell me more about yourself?

* 1. General practitioner or registrar
  2. Years of experience
  3. Any special interest
  4. What proportion of your consulting do you spend on skin cancer?

1. What is the estimated number of skin consultations per week? How many of these consultations are for follow-up (estimate) and what are the proportions of different types of skin cancers in these follow-up consultations?
2. Follow-up intervals

* How are follow-up intervals for skin cancers determined? What are the factors taken into consideration for follow-up intervals (eg different types of skin cancers, different stages)? Are there any variations according to individual factors (eg age)?
* What do you do at follow-up (ie skin check, lymph node check etc)? Elaborate on any influencing factors such as patient, practitioner’s knowledge or disease factors.

1. Is there any recall system in place? Explain in details – how the recall is carried out, who organises and co-ordinates follow-up.
2. What are the challenges in skin cancer follow-up for the practitioner and the patient? (Elaborate in detail, eg challenges for patient can be cost, access to healthcare; for the practitioner, challenges can include patient’s compliance, time, etc)
3. Are there any specific challenges due to rural geographic location for the practitioner and the patient?
4. Are protocols/guidelines set by the GP themselves or as a group at the clinic?
   1. Is there any variation in adhering to protocols and factors influencing such variations (ie patient factors, practitioner factors, disease factor)?
   2. Are there any reference guidelines used for above guidelines such as Australasian melanoma guidelines, European melanoma society guidelines, etc?
5. What is your opinion on having any guidelines for skin cancer follow-up?
   1. What are your thoughts on adopting guidelines set up by a hospital or sub-specialty? Pros and con?
   2. What do you think of having a guideline locally for rural General practice in Gippsland? Potential drawbacks and benefits?
6. What is your view on current national follow-up guideline? Focus on interval of follow-up as well as who should do the follow-up.
7. What do you think we can do to improve skin cancer follow-up strategy?