

Excellence in skin cancer diagnosis and management requires a collaborative approach between the referring doctor and the reporting histopathologist to ensure optimal patient outcomes.

Located at Sonic Healthcare laboratories across Australia, Sonic Skin Dx affords excellence in skin cancer diagnosis, and provides doctors with comprehensive reporting, plus a full telephone consultation service to discuss results and difficult cases.



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#### Training for referring doctors

Sonic Skin Dx provides courses in dermatology and dermoscopy. Details of upcoming courses can be found at [sonicskindx.com.au/doctors/education-events](http://sonicskindx.com.au/doctors/education-events).

Health Cert, RACGP and the Skin Cancer College of Australasia run additional courses to assist in diagnoses and management of skin disease which are also listed under this link. These courses are held in each capital city at various times through the year.

For more detailed information on Sonic Skin Dx, please contact your local laboratory or visit our website

[www.sonicskindx.com.au](http://www.sonicskindx.com.au)

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## Excellence in skin cancer diagnosis



Effective management comes down to a strong, trusting relationship between the referring doctor and the reporting histopathologist.



The incidence of skin cancers in Australia has increased 60% in the last three decades, with much of this patient management falling on GPs.

Sonic Skin Dx provides doctors and their patients with the best of both worlds – specialist expertise in skin pathology combined with instant access to all other pathology disciplines for those complex diagnoses that require further testing by different specialities within the laboratory.

### What is Sonic Skin Dx?

Sonic Skin Dx is a network, within Sonic Healthcare laboratories, of highly trained, specialist pathologists with expertise in all areas of skin pathology. They include individuals who are internationally recognised as experts in their field.

### What can Sonic Skin Dx offer you?

- ▶ A diagnostic dermatopathology service of unmatched excellence
- ▶ An internationally-recognised group of dermatopathologists available for consultation
- ▶ Comprehensive diagnostic service in all pathology sub-disciplines
- ▶ The largest range of ancillary investigations, including histochemistry, immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence and molecular genetic testing
- ▶ Ongoing access to educational activities, accredited by RACGP for CPD points
- ▶ Sonic Dx for online results
- ▶ Sonic Edu is a comprehensive and up-to-date online version, now featuring both the Sonic Pathology Handbook and Sonic Skin Pathology Handbook

### Local expertise with national collaboration

The strength of Sonic Skin Dx lies in its unique mix of local expertise and national collaboration. All dermatopathology is performed by local expert histopathologists, who regularly collaborate with national colleagues to maintain excellence in skin pathology reporting.



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### The benefits of being part of Australia's largest pathology company

Backed by the resources of Australia's largest pathology company, Sonic Skin Dx provides you and your patients with specialist expertise from your local laboratory, regardless of where it is within Australia.

Skin samples are analysed and reported locally in each state, allowing referring doctors to develop a close relationship with their local pathologists.

National collaboration allows ongoing interaction with colleagues around Australia to share and discuss insights on rare or difficult diagnoses, while also facilitating excellence in skin pathology reporting.

The final diagnosis in skin pathology integrates the histological findings with results from other pathology disciplines such as genetics, microbiology, haematology, biochemistry and immunoserology.

The onsite consultation and synergistic approach between reporting pathologists from different sub-specialties helps to provide you with a cohesive report on your patient's condition.

For this reason sending skin work to a full service laboratory provides more comprehensive reporting for complete diagnoses.

### Sonic Skin Dx's integrated approach provides you with a cohesive report on your patient's condition, regardless of its complexity or rarity

#### How to get a better diagnosis

Clinical notes can often have a strong impact on the final diagnosis. The information that you provide in the clinical notes section can be an important platform for discussion between the referring doctor and the reporting histopathologist.

- ▶ Clinical notes are always considered by the reporting histopathologist
- ▶ Including all relevant information on the request form can help provide a better diagnosis
- ▶ Initiating a telephone conversation with the reporting pathologist



### Skin Cancer Surgical Audit – Earn CPD/PRPD points

Our Skin Cancer Surgical Audit is a professional development tool that uses peer comparisons to allow participants to evaluate and refine their diagnostic, detection and collection skills.

The audit provides participants with useful feedback about diagnostic accuracy, margin accuracy, suitability of surgical management types and comparisons of your provisional diagnoses compared to the histological diagnoses.

As an independent program involving more than 3,700 participating general practitioners across an extensive national database, the surgical audit provides eligible participants with 40 category 1 RACGP QI and CPD points per audit (2 x 6 month time-intervals) and 30 PRPD and 30 Surgery MOPS points per triennium for an audit, plus additional core points are available for ACRRM doctors who complete further audits (2 x 6 month time-intervals) in the triennium.