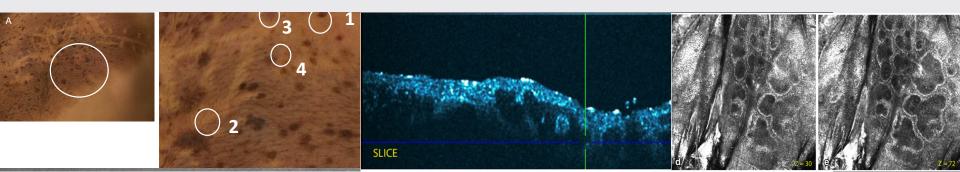


# Challenges in Research

- Rare diseases and pediatric tumours have limited research support
- Research groups are dedicated to different topics
- Lack of well-established DDBB and Bio-banks
- Collaboration between clinicians and scientists is not frequent



## Questions

- What are the genetic and epigenetic mechanisms involved in GCMN?
- What biological pathways regulate involution and progression?
- What genetic mechanisms modulate the clinical expression?
- What biomarkers can we use in predictive medicine?
- Target therapies: when, which, duration?





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### Research Overview

Since its founding in 2007, the Melanoma Research Alliance has committed \$100 million to fund melanoma research. With an additional \$90 million leveraged from additional sources, MRA has catalyzed strategic, collaborative, and accountable research efforts, moving the field toward effective treatment options for all melanoma patients as quickly as possible.

MRA supports both individual investigator and collaborative team projects focused on translational, innovative research that will impact the prevention, diagnosis, staging, and treatment of melanoma in the near and intermediate future.

Recent landmark advances in melanoma treatment have provided new options for patients, and melanoma stands as the case study for state-of-the-art cancer drug development, precision medicine and immunotherapy.



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# Types of Melanoma Research Funding

### Medical Student Awards

### Research applications are now being accepted.

Medical Student Award Applications are received from **September 4 - November 6**, and are awarded in January each year. Download the <u>2019 Request for Proposals</u>.

The MRF's Medical Student Award Program provides **one-year awards of up to \$3,000** for medical students to engage in short clinical or laboratory-based research projects focused on

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Commissioning and funding innovative melanoma research, while providing support and information for patients, carers and healthcare professionals.

Launched in October 2012, Melanoma Focus was set up to concentrate efforts in the fight against melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer.

Melanoma Focus differs from many other medical charities in combining a professional core membership, consisting of melanoma scientists, clinicians and nurses, with a mission to undertake research and education, while providing information at various

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# Melanoma Focus announces national clinical guidelines for ano-uro-genital mucosal melanoma

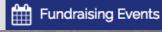
The guidelines result from more than 2 years' work by a group of experts set up by the charity. Professor Martin Gore, chair of the group, said: 'This new guideline marks an improvement in the knowledge available to clinicians as well as patients. It will be a standard in the UK and influential internationally'.

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#### 'How Much Is Enough' Melanoma Awareness Campaign Launches

#howmuchisenough Altruist Sunscreen and Melanoma Focus unite to raise awareness of the dangers of sun damage and tanning. The campaign hits back with a new series of 'scars and all' content shorts to tell the human stories behind three common skin cancer cases.

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# The Society for Melanoma Research Advancement Through Collaboration

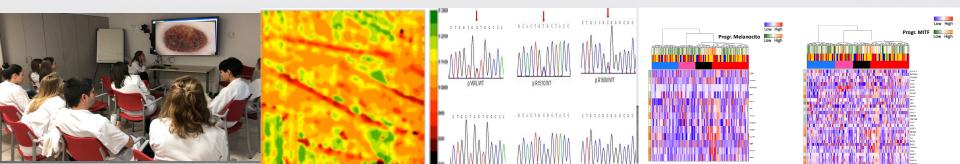


The Society for Melanoma Research (SMR) is a diverse organization of scientific and medical investigators devoted to alleviating the suffering of people with melanoma.

The SMR was founded to unify the field by increasing communication among researchers and building bridges of collaboration between basic, translational, and clinical investigators.

#### AGREED AIMS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

- Identify those research groups working in CMN.
- Dissemination of scientific studies and results for the community in Nevus International website and social media.
- Collaboration with other scientific societies (ESDR, ESPD, SMR, IFPCS,...)



- Identify those research groups working in CMN.
- Tools: pubmed research
- Research society meetings



Simple explanation of science to the community

Dissemination of scientific studies and results for the community in Nevus International website and social media.

- A webpage to make scientific research simple for patients.
- Video interviews of researchers
- Links to HP clinical trials

### Promote scientific collaboration

- Collaborative research proposals.
- International application for research grants.
- Publications from research collaboration



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