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Dear Professor Thompson

Re: Feedback on the draft *Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Melanoma*

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft *Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Melanoma*.

ACN has considered the Guidelines and supports the management of melanoma in children and of melanocytic tumour of unknown malignant potential developed by the Cancer Council Australia (CCA).

ACN forwarded the consultation documents to our members who have expertise in melanoma. Our members have suggested for consideration the inclusion of a section on melanoma diagnosis and management for different immigrant groups as their tolerance to sun exposure is varied¹. A brief explanation of the reason for focusing on melanoma screening in the Aboriginal and Torres Islander community could also be considered. Furthermore, ACN members suggest adding information on end of life and palliative care for people affected by cancer.

ACN strongly advocates for measures to promote health and wellbeing and acknowledges the importance of detecting melanoma in a young age. Feedback from one of our members suggested that the contribution of dermoscopy in conjunction with the ABCDE (**A**symmetry, **B**orders, **C**olour,

¹ Geller, AC; Jablonsku, NG; Pagoto, SL; et al, 2018, *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sun Safety*, *JAMA Dermatol*, 154(1):88-92. doi:10.1001/jamadermatol.2017.4201

Diameter, Evolution)² criteria improves the diagnosis of melanoma in childhood (Carrera, et al., 2018; Scope, et al, 2016)^{3,4}.

ACN is the pre-eminent and national leader of the nursing profession. We are committed to our intent of advancing nurse leadership to enhance health care and strongly believe that all nurses, regardless of their job title or level of seniority, are leaders.

Please contact ACN's Policy and Advocacy Manager, Dr Carolyn Stapleton, at carolyn.stapleton@acn.edu.au if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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² MRF Melanoma Research Foundation, The ABCDEs of Melanoma, <<https://www.melanoma.org/understanding-melanoma/diagnosing-melanoma/detection-screening/abcdes-melanoma>>

³Carrera, C., Scope, A., Dusza, S., Argenziano, G., Nazzaro, G., Phan, A., Tromme, I., Rubegni, P., Malvehy, J., Puig, S., & Marghoob, A. (2018). Clinical and dermoscopic characterization of paediatric and adolescent melanomas: Multicenter study of 52 cases. Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, 78(2), 278-288.

⁴ Scope, A., Marchetti, M. A., Marghoob, A.A., Dusza, S. W., Geller, A. C., Satagopan, J. M., Weinstock, M. A., Berwick, M., & Halpern, A. C. (2016).