



**ALBINISM  
FELLOWSHIP  
OF AUSTRALIA**

## **Free albinism skin check offer for AFA members**

The Albinism Fellowship Association (AFA) Committee are excited to announce and support an offer from Professor Rod Sinclair of Sinclair Dermatology, Melbourne.

Sinclair Dermatology offer free skin checks to any person with albinism who is a current **financial** member of the AFA. (The offer is open to financial members Australia wide, but the screenings are only provided at the clinic in Melbourne).

We are pleased to collaborate with a dermatologist of the calibre of Professor Sinclair, who will also be developing an ongoing relationship with the AFA, providing valuable education on skin care and sun protection. We recognise how wonderful it is to have his support with the work of the AFA and to take a special interest in skin issues of those with albinism.

### ***Professor Sinclair's Proposal:***

"I am interested in developing a program to detect skin cancer among people at high risk. People with albinism are at particularly high risk and this may coincide with reduced vision, making self-examination of the skin more difficult. We have acquired a sophisticated skin imaging device that takes a single photo of the entire skin surface and uses sophisticated computer analysis to assess all the moles on the skin.

We would like to offer this skin imaging, together with a skin check by our doctors free of charge, to people with albinism and develop a register to quantify the risk of skin cancer among [Australian] people with albinism. This would be used to determine whether there is a special case for skin cancer photography/mole mapping for people with albinism.

People would be asked to provide proof of AFA membership when they come for photography once a year and a skin check. The entire process only takes 40 minutes."

### **To gain access to the program**

Contact Sinclair Dermatology to make an appointment (for photography and a dermatologist check) and request to be included in the Albinism Skin Program. At the moment most available times are on a Monday afternoon. Proof of current AFA membership (receipt is sufficient) must be presented on the appointment day, or the full cost will be required. An AFA family membership will provide access for all those with albinism in that immediate family, ie. Parents or children living at home.

Phone: (03) 9654 2426

Contact: [appointments@sinclairdermatology.com.au](mailto:appointments@sinclairdermatology.com.au)

Physical address: Level 2, 2 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, Vic, 3002

## Further details

- The offer is available to those with albinism (OCA or OA) who are financial members of the Albinism Fellowship of Australia (currently July 2018 to June 2019).
- Participants will be required to attend the rooms in East Melbourne for scanning. During this appointment, ongoing frequency of visits will be determined. Some may require annual visits, others biannually or even less frequently, depending on age, skin condition and life style. Therefore PWA from regional areas or interstate could be involved with this commitment to attend.
- This is an ongoing program with no set time limit, Participants can withdraw from the program at any stage.
- A referral from the participant's GP is preferred, but not compulsory.
- Participants will be required to present their Medicare card for bulk billing, but there will be no further charge.
- For a small charge of \$10, a memory stick with images can be purchased to take back to your GP.
- Those with photophobia will be supplied with goggles to block out the light from the machine.
- It is recommended that children of school age (6 and above) also participate, even if there are no signs of skin damage, to establish an ongoing care regime and history. Younger children could be included if there were specific concerns.
- It is hoped that participants will consent to their results being included in the register, but is not compulsory.
- If you no longer have your AFA receipt or the email confirming payment of membership, you may contact [treasurer@albinismaustralia.org](mailto:treasurer@albinismaustralia.org) for a copy or confirmation of membership.
- Information on the Vectra 3D imaging machine can be found at <https://www.canfieldsci.com/imaging-systems/vectra-wb360-imaging-system/>
- Information on Professor Rod Sinclair can be found at <http://www.sinclairdermatology.com.au/about-sinclair-dermatology/our-doctors/#gallery-details-2566>