

Electronic Supplementary Material 1

Article Title: The influence of age and gender in knowledge, behaviors and attitudes towards sun protection: a cross sectional survey of Australian outpatient clinic attendees

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Attitudes Towards Sun-Protective Behaviours Survey

Age group: 18-30 31-45 46-60 61-75 over 75 years

Gender: Male Female

Postcode:

Level of highest education qualification:

School Certificate (or equivalent) (up to year 10)

Higher School Certificate (or equivalent) (completed year 12)

Diploma/Certificate

Bachelor Degree

Masters or PhD

Current employment status:

Full-time Part-time Casual Unemployed Retired

If you are currently employed, where do you spend the majority of your working day?

Indoors Outdoors Both

Have you ever had a skin cancer? Yes No

In terms of sun protection, please tick which of the following measures you use:

Use of sunscreen If yes, do you use SPF 15+ SPF 30+ SPF 50+ or any ?

Wearing a long-sleeve shirt

Wearing a hat

Avoidance of the sun during peak times

If you use sunscreen, do you (please tick any that apply to you):

Apply during summer autumn winter spring

Apply every day or only when doing outside activities

Apply when sunbathing

Reapply every 2 hours 4 hours 6 hours 8 hours Never

Do you reapply after swimming and after sweating ?

How much sunscreen do you apply to your face and body per application?

5mL (1 teaspoon) 10mL (2 teaspoons) 20mL (1 tablespoon)

40mL (2 tablespoons) Unsure

If you do not use sunscreen or do not reapply sunscreen, please select which of the following barriers prevent you from doing so:

Greasiness

- Causes burning eye
Causes acne
Forget
Time-consuming
Makes you vitamin D deficient
Concern about nanoparticles
Other Please comment why _____

Do you look at the expiry date of sunscreens before using them?

- All the time
Most of the time
Some of the time
Rarely
Never

Where do you store the sunscreen you use most often?

- Cupboard Car Other Please describe: _____

Are you aware that sunscreen can become less effective if stored at a temperature greater than 25°C? Yes No

Do you buy a new sunscreen every summer? Yes No

What is your understanding of SPF 30? (please select one answer only):

- A sunscreen with an SPF of 30 means a person can stay in the sun 30 times longer without burning than he or she could if not wearing sunscreen
A sunscreen with an SPF of 30 provides twice as much protection as a sunscreen with an SPF of 15
I don't know
Neither of these options

Regarding UVA and UVB (please select one answer only):

- Only UVA rays can cause skin cancers
Only UVB rays can cause skin cancers
Both UVA and UVB rays can cause skin cancers
Neither UVA nor UVB rays can cause skin cancers

Do you currently use a solarium? Yes No

Have you ever used a solarium? Yes No

Do you self-examine for skin cancers? Yes No

How often do you sunbathe with the intention to tan? _____

Do you apply sunscreen before sunbathing? Yes No

How many times have you been sunburnt (redness and smarting pain) in the past year?

- Never Once to 5 times 6 to 10 times Over 10 times

Do you believe that vitamin D protects from cancer? Yes No

Would you be willing to (tick all appropriate answers):

- Give up sunbathing? Yes No
Use covering clothes for sun-protection? Yes No
Use sunscreen? Yes No
Stay in the shade? Yes No