

Special Interest Groups

Annual Report

Special Interest Group: Dermatology/ Skin

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The Dermatology Group aims to advance research into the prevention, diagnosis and management of skin conditions commonly encountered in primary care. The group seeks to bring together clinicians, academics and patients with an interest in dermatology research, providing opportunities for networking and collaboration. It offers a forum for generating research ideas, discussing proposals, forming partnerships, and disseminating high-quality primary care dermatology research.

The group's annual meeting took place on 5 February 2025 at the British Association of Dermatologists in London. The event was supported by Eczema Care Online (ECO), a NIHR-funded website designed to help individuals manage eczema, which enabled us to meet in person. Attendance was excellent, with 29 participants (Owain Jones, Amanda Roberts, Rosie Vincent, Miriam Santer, Ingrid Muller, Rosie Essery, Sophia Williams, Kim Thomas, Paul Leighton, Hannah Wainman, Jane Harvey, Eliza Hutchison, Beth Stuart, Laura Howells, Esther Burden-Teh, Diarmuid Quinlan, Matthew Ridd, Kate Henaghan-Sykes, Phuong Hua, Goldie Putrym, Lydia Tutt, Tracy Owen, Grishma Ramesh, Louise Clarke, Rosalind Simpson, Rheanne Leatherland, Pippa Bowes, Sara McCloskey and Tracey Sach) travelling from locations as far afield as Cork and the Isle of Wight. The programme featured a strong line-up of presentations on current and emerging dermatology research, encompassing a wide range of skin conditions (including eczema, skin cancer, hidradenitis suppurativa, acne and lichen sclerosis) as well as diverse research methods, such as the use of artificial intelligence. The meeting brought together a broad mix of professionals, including research nurses, statisticians, applied health researchers, GPs, dermatologists and patient representatives/citizen scientists. Presenting to this multidisciplinary group and receiving feedback was invaluable for shaping projects and will hopefully lead to future collaborations.

The group maintains an extensive mailing list, affiliated with the Research Delivery Network Dermatology Specialty Group. The mailing list serves as a key platform for sharing new research opportunities, including participation in priority-setting partnerships, updates on awards and funding calls, announcements of meetings—such as the annual SAPC Skin SIG meeting—and other items of interest. Members also receive regular updates on relevant research publications, curated by Kate Clement at the Centre for Evidence-Based Dermatology.

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place virtually on 13 February 2026. We anticipate 26 participants and approximately 12 presentations.

