

Highlights 2023-2024



More than 3 million pageviews of the ASCIA website

Annual ASCIA website visits continued to increase, with more than **3 million pageviews** (~250,000 per month), **2 million sessions** (visits) and **1.9 million users** (unique visitors) from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. www.allergy.org.au

The ASCIA website continued to be reviewed and updated, with more than **50 new resources** developed and more than **100 resources updated**.



ASCIA continued to plan, advocate and evaluate

A new **ASCIA Strategic Plan 2024-2028** was developed, **15 ASCIA submissions** were lodged, and **10 ASCIA reports** (including evaluations of ASCIA e-training courses) were completed.

www.allergy.org.au/ascia-submissions

www.allergy.org.au/ascia-reports



ASCIA communications reached over 12,000 per month

ASCIA monthly e-newsletters were sent to **760 ASCIA members** (health professionals) and more than **5,500 ASCIA community e-newsletter subscribers**.

<https://allergy.org.au/about-ascia/updates/archive/listing>

ASCIA social media posts increased reach to more than **5,800 followers**.



ASCIA online meetings expanded with PIAIG and TAILS

In 2023-2024 ASCIA added monthly PIAIG (Paediatric Immunology and Allergy Interest Group) meetings and TAILS (Trainees in Allergy and Immunology Lecture Series) meetings to its online meetings calendar for ASCIA members.

Regular online meetings for ASCIA nurses and dietitians continued to be held.

<https://allergy.org.au/conferences/online-meetings>



ASCIA Immunodeficiency Strategy goals were achieved

Newborn Screening for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID) is now available throughout Australia and New Zealand.

ASCIA Clinical Care Standard for Inborn Errors of Immunity /Primary Immune Deficiency was developed. <https://allergy.org.au/hp/papers/immunodeficiency>

Ten Year Milestones for ASCIA: 2014-2024



The first ASCIA Annual Conference was held in 2014

In 2014 ASCIA renamed its Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) to become the ASCIA Annual Conference. This change reflected the comprehensive program, which is the leading source of allergy and clinical immunology CPD in Australia and New Zealand.

Since 2022 the ASCIA Annual Conference has been a hybrid event and has attracted **more than 700 health professional delegates each year**.



ASCIA initiated development of a National Allergy Strategy

The National Allergy Strategy is now implemented by the National Allergy Council. This partnership of ASCIA and Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia works in collaboration with other stakeholders, including the National Allergy Centre of Excellence (NACE).

Funding for 4 years from the Australian government since 2022 is being used to implement National Allergy Council projects, details are on the following page.



ASCIA established AIFA to support medical research

Generous donors and sponsors have enabled the Allergy and Immunology Foundation of Australasia (AIFA) to award over **\$790,000 to 46 research projects since 2014**.

Since 2021, lead research project investigators who received AIFA grants have presented at the ASCIA Annual Conference AIFA Symposium.



ASCIA established the TAPID collaboration

Monthly online and annual in-person meetings (~ **50 participants** in each meeting) have continued since the first TAPID (Transplantation and Primary Immune Deficiency) meeting was held in 2014.

The aim of TAPID is to address issues regarding transplantation and primary immunodeficiency, through a collaboration between ASCIA and transplant specialists.



ASCIA expanded its operations

ASCIA expanded operations and moved into an office in Brookvale (Sydney) in November 2013, with an increase of staff from 4 in 2013 to 7 in 2024.

It is 5 years since ASCIA purchased its own office in 2019 in Brookvale to provide a sustainable, stable and productive workplace for its expanded team.

ASCIA National Allergy Council Projects: 2023-2024

The following work has been undertaken by ASCIA as part of National Allergy Council projects assigned to ASCIA, supported by funding from the Australian Government since 2022:



Funding health professional education and training

ASCIA is facilitating improved access and timely delivery of quality allergy education and training initiatives to upskill health professionals, as part of the National Allergy Council Shared Care for Allergy project.

In 2024 ASCIA invited Expressions of Interests (EOIs) from ASCIA members for funding of initiatives. ASCIA received 18 EOIs and **5 were selected for funding**. <https://allergy.org.au/national-allergy-strategy>



Evaluation of ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training courses

Reports based on mandatory feedback surveys were developed for the first time since ASCIA e-training courses were introduced in 2010.

www.allergy.org.au/ascia-reports

Feedback from **43,945** participants in the Australasian versions of the schools, childcare and community courses in 2023 found that more than **94%** of participants thought the content covered all relevant information. Feedback from **1,730** health professionals in 2023 indicated that learning needs were met by more than **90%** of participants.



Development of ASCIA Quicklinks to improve access

More than 100 ASCIA website resources for patients and carers were updated to include links to patient/carers support organisations at the top of each resource, simplify language and improve format.

ASCIA Quicklinks brochures with QR codes were developed to improve access to ASCIA's resources and promote allergy education.

www.allergy.org.au/about-ascia/quick-links



Development of an ASCIA referral toolkit

In August 2024 ASCIA held a meeting for heads of public hospital allergy and immunology departments in Australia and New Zealand to discuss workforce, referral processes and other issues.

There was a consensus that improvements to the referral process were required and an ASCIA Referral Toolkit is being developed to assist this process.

<https://allergy.org.au/patients/allergy-and-clinical-immunology-services>

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