

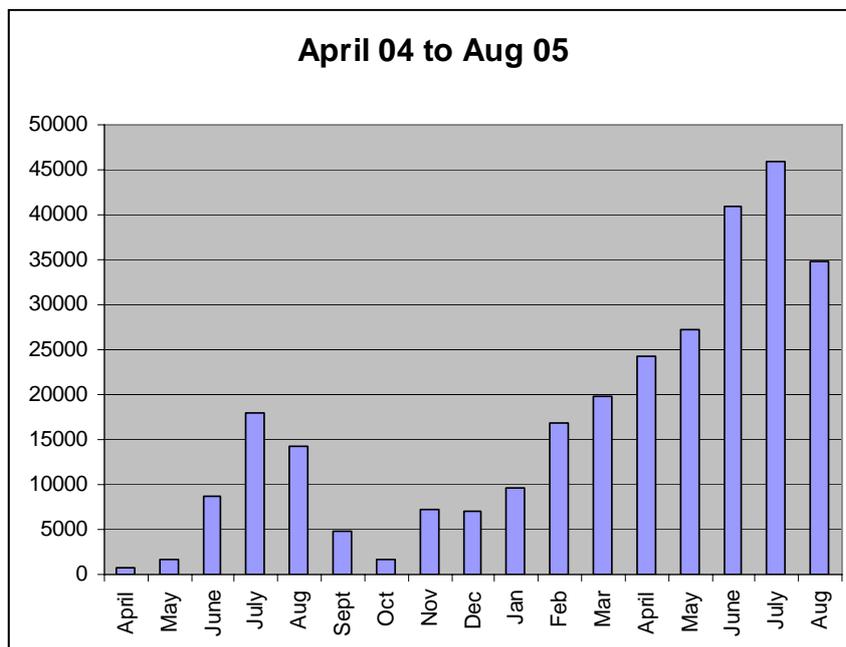
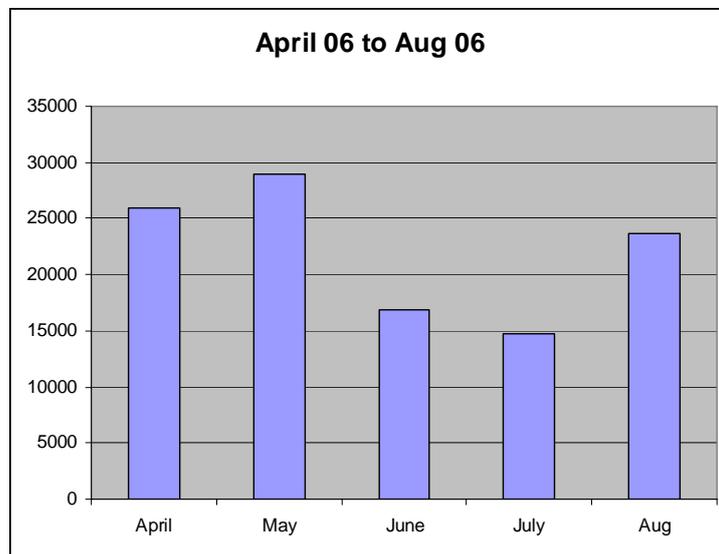
# Annual Report of the Committee on Screening Procedures - 2007

## The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP)

The program was actively promoted for July/August 2006 via the newly-created website specific for the program – [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org). Sponsorship of the site was continued by Medtronic Sofamor-Danek.

In 2006, for the second time, a formal letter was sent to the principals of some 4,000 schools Australia-wide with girls aged 11 and 13 years (years 7 and 9 in most states and territories) inviting participation. This mailing was again supported by the Society. A copy of the form letter is attached.

The website statistics are represented in chart form which shows the number of hits recorded over the relevant periods.



It is again requested that members familiarise themselves with the new site, the policy statement thereon and the self-detection brochure.

Enquiries concerning the NSDP which come the way of members should be directed to the state/territory representatives on the committee whose details can be found at [www.scoliosis-australia.org/scoliosis/self\\_detection\\_prog.html](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org/scoliosis/self_detection_prog.html)

School participation in the NSDP is voluntary. A mailing for the current year was not conducted. The relevant data will be made available to the membership in due course.

If a member sees a girl with scoliosis and is the first specialist to be consulted, and that girl's school did not take part in the NSDP, the committee asks that you pass on a simple letter for the parent to forward to the school. This can be downloaded from [www.scoliosis-australia.org/scoliosis/nsdp2006.html](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org/scoliosis/nsdp2006.html)

The Committee will shortly be launching a scoliosis forum on its website where questions concerning all aspects of spinal deformity from the public will be answered by members of a voluntary panel from the Society's ranks. These experts will remain anonymous as Dr Scoliosis. The forum will be a source of reputable and credible information concerning mainstream management of scoliosis and kyphosis. Such an information source is needed to counterbalance all the unedited misinformation on the internet, and elsewhere in the public domain, about the role of 'complementary medicine' in the treatment of scoliosis/kyphosis.

The Committee welcomes comments from the membership.

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Dear Principal

**Re:    *The National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP)***

I write on behalf of this Society to request the participation of your school in an important preventative health measure - the above-cited program.

Scoliosis, sideways curvature of the spine, is a not uncommon condition and 2-5 percent of adolescent girls are at risk for the development of a significant curvature. You will perhaps be aware of school screening for scoliosis as it was carried out in the past and which is now largely abandoned. The NSDP was introduced by this Society in association with SpineCare Foundation (a charity registered in NSW) in the late 90s. It was actively promoted Australia-wide last year and perhaps your school took part.

The Foundation's website ([www.spinecarefoundation.org](http://www.spinecarefoundation.org)) hosts the program and the Policy Statement therein gives full details. In the coming July/August all government and non-government girls' schools are asked to download the self-detection brochure from the Foundation's website, cited above, and distribute it to girls in Years 7 and 9 (11-13 years of age in most states and territories). This is the age range when scoliosis first appears.

The aims of the NSDP are to increase public awareness of the condition and to have family doctors assume care of minor curvatures as they should certainly do. The latter is most important for rural and regional Australia.

Enquiries concerning the NSDP are welcomed and should be directed to the State and Territory representatives of this Society as detailed on the website at:  
[http://www.spinecarefoundation.org/scoliosis/self\\_detection\\_prog.html](http://www.spinecarefoundation.org/scoliosis/self_detection_prog.html)

Yours sincerely

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