



Upcoming events and latest news

9 September 2017: Melanoma Research Meeting

To be held as part of the Queenstown Research Week (<http://www.queenstownresearchweek.org/>), this one-day Melanoma Research Meeting will be held on Saturday 9 September in Queenstown. The meeting will bring together those involved in melanoma-related epidemiological, biomedical and clinical research. It is being planned by a joint MelNet/Melanoma New Zealand (MNZ) working group in association with the Queenstown Research Week.

The Melanoma Research Symposium scheduled for 30 June in Auckland (as announced in the December news bulletin) will no longer take place.

2017 Skin Lesions & Dermatoscopy Courses

Conducted by Honorary Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, these popular one-day courses will be again hosted by MelNet and the Health Promotion Agency in the coming year.

The courses will address clinical and dermatoscopic diagnosis of common benign and malignant skin lesions, particularly pigmented lesions. All health professionals undertaking skin examinations are invited to attend, whether new to or experienced in dermatoscopy. Thus far courses have been organised in the following cities:

Auckland: 24 March 2017

This one-day course will be held as part of the [Goodfellow Symposium](#) in Auckland on 24 March 2017. You can register here

<http://www.goodfellowunit.org/symposium/registration>

Tauranga: Saturday 8 April 2017

This course will feature both Associate Professor Oakley and Dr Ben Tallon, consultant dermatologist and dermatopathologist.

You can find further information here:

<http://www.melnet.org.nz/news/2017/common-skin-lesions-and-dermatoscopy-course-tauranga>

You can register here:

https://hpa.formstack.com/forms/derm_tauranga_08april2017

Other courses will be organised later in the year. Please contact the MelNet Coordinator (melnet@melnet.org.nz) if you would like a course in your region and would be prepared to help promote it among your colleagues.

Other 2017 events:

11-12 March

The Skin Cancer Symposium: Dermatoscopy and Surgical Training - Warkworth

<http://www.melnet.org.nz/uploads/2016-FINAL-VERSION-SKIN-SYMPOSIUM.pdf>

19-21 May

Australasian Skin Cancer Congress – Surfers Paradise

<http://skincancercongress.com/>

8-11 June

NZMA Rotorua GP CME

Features main session on melanoma and dermatoscopy workshops

<http://www.gpcme.co.nz/programme.php>

18-21 October

9th World Congress of Melanoma

Brisbane

<http://worldmelanoma2017.com/>

This congress will join with the Society for Melanoma Research to bring together the world's leading melanoma researchers and clinicians to showcase the latest developments in melanoma diagnosis, treatment and research. It will cover the entire field of melanoma and other cutaneous malignancies. This joint meeting will be held in Brisbane from 18-21 October 2017. Abstracts must be submitted before 7 May 2017.

Under 18 sunbed ban takes effect

The Amendment to the Health Act restricting the use of commercial sunbeds to those over the age of 18 took effect on 4 January. As a result, those under 18 cannot lawfully use them.

According to the Ministry of Health, public health officers, who have just completed their latest round of visits to commercial solariums, were asked to ensure operators were informed about the ban. Officers also have been asked to inform the Ministry of Health of any complaints they receive or any premises about which they have concerns.

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Recent MelNet website postings

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Fear of new or recurrent melanoma after treatment for localised melanoma

Cholesterol therapies could slow tumor growth in melanoma patients with BRAF V600E mutation

Economic and mortality benefits of under 18 sunbed bans

Consumer acceptance of mobile teledermoscopy

Increasing skin self-examination after melanoma diagnosis

Indoor tanning and melanoma risk: strong evidence of harm at younger age

Men over 70 years possible best target for early detection education

Beach umbrellas alone insufficient

Skin cancers among NZ chronic lymphocytic leukaemia patients

Systematic review of imiquimod treatment of lentigo maligna
Alcohol consumption and melanoma risk

Common Skin Lesions and Dermatoscopy Course: Tauranga

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