



Latest news and events

Strategy informs prevention and early detection in NZ

Co-published in late March by the Health Promotion Agency and MelNet, the *New Zealand Skin Cancer Primary Prevention and Early Detection Strategy 2017 to 2022* is a sector-led strategy to help reduce the incidence and impact of skin cancer in New Zealand.

Designed as a call to action for all professionals working in skin cancer control, the strategy includes an up-to-date analysis of both the epidemiology of skin cancer in New Zealand, including risk factors, as well as evidence-based interventions to reduce exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) that causes harm.

The strategy is available as a PDF on the SunSmart [<http://sunsmart.org.nz/hpa-and-skin-cancer-prevention>] and MelNet [<http://www.melnet.org.nz/resources>] websites.

You can help promote the strategy within your organization and/or professional college. To find out how, please contact the MelNet Coordinator.

The Minister of Health may release the strategy officially over the Easter break.

Wellington Skin Lesions & Dermatoscopy Course - 13 May

Conducted by Honorary Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, this one-day course will be held on **Saturday 13 May** in Wellington at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor. The course will be hosted by MelNet and the Health Promotion Agency.

The course 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.

You can find further information here:

<http://www.melnet.org.nz/news/2017/wellington-skin-lesions-and-dermatoscopy-course-13-may-2017>

You can register here:

https://hpa.formstack.com/forms/derm_wellington_13may2017

Melanoma Research and Therapy in New Zealand: Raising the Bar through Collaborative Action

**Saturday 9 September 2017
Queenstown**

This highly focused one-day event, featuring leading international clinicians and scientists as well as New Zealand's top experts in melanoma treatment, clinical trials and scientific research, will identify priorities for action and inspire collaboration. Organised by MelNet and Melanoma New Zealand, this is a must attend event for clinicians and scientists with a commitment to improving outcomes for patients with melanoma in New Zealand.

Save this date and watch this space!

7 May abstract deadline for World Congress

7 May is the deadline for submitting abstracts for the 9th World Congress of Melanoma (18-21 October) in Brisbane. The congress will bring together the world's leading melanoma researchers and clinicians and cover the entire field of melanoma and other cutaneous malignancies.

MelNet will be organizing a meeting of New Zealand delegates during the Congress. Please advise the MelNet Coordinator if you are planning to attend the congress.

Further congress information: <http://worldmelanoma2017.com/>

Other 2017 events:

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>

26-29 July 2017

Skin Cancer Summit and Masterclasses 2017

Brisbane, Australia

<https://www.skincancersummit.c...>

Special interest group for melanoma treatment

Dr Rosalie Stephens, Consultant Medical Oncologist, is keen to gauge interest in establishing a national “special interest group” for the treatment of melanoma patients in New Zealand.

This is an idea that started last year when the medical oncology group discussed funding of nivolumab and pembrolizumab; now that these agents are in widespread use Rosalie thinks it is even more vital to share information and experience to advance the care of patients in New Zealand and grapple with increasingly complex management decisions.

Rosalie would like to invite interested MelNet members to take five minutes to complete a feasibility survey. As outreach to all stakeholders is important, she also asks that you share the survey link with your colleagues and other contacts. If you include your email address in the survey, she promises to send you a summary of the survey findings.

You can complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZMSIG>

Rosalie thanks you in advance for your time.

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- facilitate communication and collaboration
- promote evidence-based best practice
- advocate for reduced rates of melanoma (and non-melanoma skin cancer) in New Zealand.

Recent MelNet website postings

Check out our website for our updated calendar of events for 2017, recent media and news postings, including:

Gender difference in melanoma

Danish findings could aid prevention strategies among youth

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Vitamin D beliefs linked to risk-related behaviours

Melanoma arising from, in association with, or resembling blue naevi

Identification, genetic testing, and management of hereditary melanoma

Key strategies to reduce skin cancer prevalence in UK youth

Built Sunshade in New Zealand Public Spaces

Using mobile devices to extend the reach of diagnosis outside the clinic

US dermatologists challenge USPSTF skin screening statement

US burden of melanoma on the increase

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