



## **Latest news and upcoming events**

### **Melanoma Research and Therapy in New Zealand: Raising the Bar through Collaborative Action - 9 September 2017**

Be sure to register for this highly focused one-day event in Queenstown on Saturday 9 September 2017.

The latest draft programme, which features Australia and New Zealand's top experts in melanoma epidemiology, treatment, clinical trials and scientific research, can be found here.

<http://www.melnet.org.nz/uploads/QRW-Melanoma-Meeting-Draft-Programme-5-July-2017.pdf>

Organised by MelNet and Melanoma New Zealand in partnership with the Queenstown Research Week (QRW), this is a must attend event for health professionals and scientists with a commitment to improving outcomes for patients with melanoma in New Zealand.

#### ***Poster Abstract Submission***

Delegates to the meeting are invited to submit an abstract for a poster [here](#). Information about poster size and submission can be found here (<http://www.queenstownresearchweek.org/abstract-submission/>)

#### ***Registration***

To register for this meeting you will need to create a 'new user account' for the Queenstown Research Week [here](#).

To attend the melanoma meeting only, please choose Option 6. The cost is \$200 (including an end of day social function).

If you wish to attend other meetings during the week, you can select other options and choose melanoma as an additional meeting.

### ***Further Information***

Please contact the [MelNet Coordinator](#) for further information about the day. And please help publicise the meeting by forwarding this message to colleagues.

## **9<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Melanoma**

Be sure to register for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Melanoma (18-21 October) in Brisbane before 17 August to profit from the standard registration rate.

You can register and find further congress information [here](#).

## **9<sup>th</sup> World Congress New Zealand networking dinner: Thursday 19 October**

A networking dinner for New Zealand delegates at the World Congress of Melanoma in Brisbane will be held at 7 pm on Thursday 19 October. Please mark your calendar and let us know here if you plan to attend.

## **Other upcoming events**

**26-29 July 2017**

[Skin Cancer Summit and Masterclasses 2017](#)

Brisbane, Australia

**2 August 2017: 7.00 pm**

Melanoma New Zealand Webinar: Progress in melanoma treatments and helping patients navigate the way

Further information and registration

<http://omnovia.redbackconferencing.com.au/landers/page/99cf1c>

## **Cancellation of Palmerston North course**

**14 October 2017**

**Common Skin Lesions and Dermatoscopy Course**

Regrettably this course has been cancelled. Please contact the MelNet

Coordinator to request a course in your area.

## **Melanoma highlights at ASCO**

A number of New Zealand delegates attended the recent ASCO (American Society of Clinical Oncology) Annual Meeting, where melanoma was featured in over 450 presentations and posters.

Abstracts of these can be found here

([http://abstracts.asco.org/199S/search.php?zoom\\_query=melanoma&op.x=37&op.y=15&op=Search](http://abstracts.asco.org/199S/search.php?zoom_query=melanoma&op.x=37&op.y=15&op=Search)) and melanoma-related articles published in the ASCO Educational Book can be accessed here

<http://am.asco.org/sites/am.asco.org/files/2017-AM17-Educational-Book.pdf>

Thanks to a MelNet member we are able to offer the slides from the following four presentations:

- Ph II Combi-D data of targeted therapies in the brain for BRAF mutant disease
- KEYNOTE-029: Efficacy and Safety of Pembrolizumab Plus Ipilimumab for Advanced Melanoma (poster)
- Long-Term Outcomes in Patients with Ipilimumab-Naïve Advanced Melanoma in the Phase 3 KEYNOTE-006 Study Who Completed Pembrolizumab Treatment
- A Randomized Phase 2 Study of Nivolumab or Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab in Patients with Melanoma Brain Metastases: The Anti-PD1 Brain Collaboration (ABC) (An Australian Investigator-Led Study)

Please contact the MelNet Coordinator for these slides.

## **Recent MelNet website postings**

Check out recent postings in the MelNet website resources

<http://www.melnet.org.nz/resources> section, including:

- “Dermatology Made Easy”, a new text by Dr Amanda Oakley, founder of DermNet NZ.  
<http://www.melnet.org.nz/resources/dermatology-made-easy>
- Melanoma incidence and deaths 1999-2013 according to District

Health Board region.

<http://www.melnet.org.nz/resources/melanoma-incidence-and-deaths-by-dhb>

Also, check out our recently updated calendar of 2017 [events](#), including the 22 August deadline for Genesis Oncology Trust research grants and professional development awards.

Our latest [news](#) postings include:

Nursing interventions to change adult sun protective behaviour

New WHO publication on sunbeds

New Zealand Health Research Strategy 2017-2027

UVR information may influence women's sun protection decisions

Does genomic risk information trigger prevention and skin examinations?

Accuracy and reproducibility of melanocytic skin lesion diagnoses

Impact of time between diagnosis and SLNB

Balancing survival with morbidity from lymphadenectomy

Older age linked with increased false negative SLNB

Lithium may reduce melanoma risk and mortality

Two-drug combination effective in melanoma brain metastasis

Discrepancy in BRAF status among patients with metastatic malignant melanoma

Potential to induce UV-independent skin pigmentation to enhance UV protection

Long-term outcomes in patients with ipilimumab-naive advanced melanoma treated with pembrolizumab

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