



Upcoming events and latest news

Dunedin Skin Lesions & Dermatoscopy Course - 1 July

Conducted by Honorary Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, this one-day course will be held in Dunedin on Saturday 1 July at the Dunedin Art Gallery. 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](#).

You can register [here](#).

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

This highly focused one-day event will feature New Zealand's top experts in melanoma treatment, clinical trials and scientific research as well as the following Australian speakers:

- **Professor Melanie Ziman:** liquid biopsy for personalised monitoring of melanoma patients
- **Professor David Whiteman:** interaction of environmental and genetic factors in melanoma causation
- **Dr Mark Shackleton:** mechanisms of cancer initiation, propagation and treatment response/resistance.

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!

World Congress Early Bird Registration Deadline - 19 June

19 June is the deadline for early bird registration for the 9th World Congress of Melanoma (18-21 October) in Brisbane.

Congress topics include a major focus on early detection of melanoma and skin cancers with presentations by Harald Kittler, Allan Halpern, Iris Zalaudek and Josep Malvehy. In a debate moderated by Professor John Kelly, experts will stake their case for and against 'the earlier the better'.

MelNet will be organising a meeting of New Zealand delegates during the Congress. Please advise the [MelNet Coordinator](#) if you are planning to attend the congress.

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

Other upcoming events

8-11 June 2017

[NZMA Rotorua GP CME](#)

Features main session on melanoma and dermatoscopy workshops

17-18 June 2017

[Health Cert Skin Cancer Certificate Courses](#)

Gold Coast

Early bird registration closes 18 May

26-29 July 2017

[Skin Cancer Summit and Masterclasses 2017](#)

Brisbane, Australia

PHARMAC seeking feedback by 26 May

PHARMAC is seeking feedback on a proposal to amend Nivolumab (Opdivo) and pembrolizumab (Keytruda) funding criteria for the treatment of patients with advanced melanoma by adding a requirement for patients to have an ECOG performance status score of 0-2.

You can find further information about the proposal [here](#).

If you would like to contribute to the MelNet Executive Committee submission, please contact the [MelNet Coordinator](#).

The deadline for submissions is 26 May.

Recent MelNet website postings

Check out our recently updated calendar of 2017 [events](#), [resources](#) and [news](#) postings, including:

[Strategies needed to reduce unintended sunburn in New Zealand](#)

[Dunedin Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy Course 2017](#)

[Thin melanomas a substantial public health burden](#)

[Using a patient's risk factor status to tailor surveillance programmes](#)

[Combining SRT and immunotherapy](#)

[Does pregnancy influence melanoma prognosis?](#)

[Regional radiation therapy impacts outcome for node-positive melanoma](#)

[Maternal and perinatal outcomes in pregnancy-associated melanoma](#)

[Conditional survival estimates provide critical prognostic information](#)

[Targeted agents and immunotherapies: optimizing outcomes in melanoma](#)

[Liquid biopsies promising for monitoring patients with melanoma](#)

[Detection of occult invasion in melanoma in situ](#)

[Molecular and immune differences associated with differential drug responses](#)

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