

# MelNet – For health professionals concerned about melanoma

# New Zealand and Australia have the highest rate of melanoma in the world.

MelNet is an umbrella network connecting health professionals working in melanoma. At MelNet, we are passionate about reducing the number of people who develop melanoma, and helping ensure people with melanoma receive evidence-based diagnosis, treatment and care.

#### We do this by:

- Advocating for national standards for melanoma diagnosis, treatment and care
- Promoting education and best practice by disseminating latest research findings
- Connecting and assisting clinicians and researchers to work together
- Advocating to Government on ways to reduce melanoma and other skin cancers, such as increased funding for primary prevention, strengthened outdoor worker and childhood sun protection and banning sunbeds
- Assisting those working in primary prevention to collaborate, through the development of a national strategy
- Hosting a portal that is a one-stop-shop for melanoma activities and research
- Hosting conferences and meetings of skin cancer experts, so knowledge can be shared and priorities for action identified
- Providing education and training to health professionals on skin cancer prevention and early detection.



Our members include GPs, nurses, pathologists, dermatologists, oncologists, surgeons, health promoters, researchers and policy makers.

Membership is free of charge, and you can register on the MelNet website.

## **Research and activity portal**

Our research and activity portal is available on the MelNet website. The first cancer portal for health professionals in New Zealand, it is a searchable database of the melanoma-related research and activities being carried out.

The portal encourages links between different cancer research groups in New Zealand, and between researchers, clinicians, health promoters and others working in melanoma prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

While only members can post on the portal, anyone is able to see the information on it.

## Join MelNet today!

MelNet is looking for members, and membership is free!

By becoming a member you can add your voice to the growing number of health professionals concerned about reducing the incidence and impact of all skin cancers, including melanoma.

#### **Other benefits:**

- Receive updates on upcoming courses, events and news
- Post your research and activities on the MelNet portal
- Receive regular e-newsletters with upcoming activities and recent publications, and opportunities for member feedback and advocacy
- Have access to contact details for fellow professionals through the directory of members.



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