



MelNet update

20 April 2018

In case you missed it: Professor David Whiteman to provide keynote address at 2018 Summit

2-3 November 2018
Cordis Hotel, Auckland

We are excited to add Professor David Whiteman to the speaker line up for the 2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit. Professor Whiteman is a medical epidemiologist with a special interest in the causes, control and prevention of cancer. At the 2018 Summit, he will be discussing his research on daily sunscreen application and the incidence of melanoma.

Early bird registrations close on 31 May 2018. Don't miss your chance to hear Professor David Whiteman. [Register now!](#)

[Further information about the Summit](#)

[Preliminary Summit programme](#)

Last chance to register for Invercargill Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy course

Saturday 5 May 2018
Kelvin Hotel, Invercargill

Conducted by Honorary Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, this one-day Common Skin Lesions and Dermatoscopy course will address clinical and dermatoscopic diagnosis of common benign and malignant skin lesions, particularly pigmented lesions.

This course is hosted by MelNet with support from the Health Promotion Agency.

[Register now](#)

[Further information](#)

Successful UV Radiation workshop

Congratulations to the organisers of the recent *UV Radiation: Effects on Human Health and the Environment* workshop, of which MelNet was a sponsor.

Participants represented a diverse range of expertise from around the world, including atmospheric chemists, physicists, botanists, IT developers, policy advisers, manufacturers, educators and health promoters.

A key focus of the workshop was the use of technology and UV data in skin cancer prevention programmes, with a number of UV apps being demonstrated over the two day event. Vitamin D was a lively topic, with discussion focusing on the strength of evidence for its health benefits.

Once peer-reviewed, presenter abstracts will be posted on the NIWA website.

Recent releases

Highlights and recommendations Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting

Highlights and recommendations from the second meeting of the special interest group, held at the Auckland International Airport Novotel on 15 March 2018 are available [here](#).

Topics were:

- **Sentinel node data:** The results of recent international trials and how their findings might be applied in New Zealand
- **Tissue banking:** What currently is being collected for melanoma and how collaboration and networking throughout New Zealand might be improved.

The next meeting will be held in October or November 2018. Further details will be provided when available.

'Expected keratinocytic cancer incidence in New Zealand' research report

Dr Mary Jane Sneyd and Andrew Gray have recently released a research paper '[Expected keratinocytic cancer incidence in New Zealand](#)'. The report estimates the number of diagnoses and incidence rate of Non-Melanoma Skin (Keratinocytic) Cancer in New Zealand based on data extracted from a regional collection of pathology records of skin biopsies taken from 2009 to 2013. One of the key findings was that over 90,400 people will be diagnosed with at least one in situ or invasive Keratinocytic Cancer in 2018.

The report has generated some great media coverage on the need for urgent Government action to address New Zealand's rates of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer:

[Soaring skin cancer rates spur calls for government action: Newstalk ZB \(7 April 2018\)](#)

[Non-melanoma type skin cancers on the rise: Stuff \(6 April 2018\)](#)

[Skin cancer rate hits all time high and Cancer Society says urgent action needed - including sunbed ban: TVNZ One News \(6 April 2018\)](#)

Upcoming events

Australasian Skin Cancer Congress

25-27 May 2018

Gold Coast

Join nearly 400 primary care professionals and enhance your day-to-day practice through clinical sessions, workshops, and research updates. This year's topics include:

- Managing melanoma beyond primary diagnosis
- Complications in wound healing
- Total body photography and serial imaging
- New directions for sentinel lymph node biopsy
- Lentigo maligna update
- Fascial release techniques for lower limb closures
- Cryotherapy: Getting it right

[Further information](#)

World Congress on Cancers of the Skin

15-18 August 2018

Sydney

This event is an opportunity to update and expand your skin cancer knowledge. The programme includes:

- Melanoma (surgery, pathology and medical treatment)
- Non-melanoma skin cancer
- Cutaneous lymphoma
- Radiation oncology
- A full-day surgical techniques seminar
- Two dermoscopy sessions

Leading international and local speakers featured in the programme include:

- Professor Darrell Rigel
- Professor Henry Lim
- Professor Georgina Long
- Professor Richard Scolyer
- Professor Peter Soyer
- Professor Christoph Hoeller

[Further information](#)

Recent MelNet website postings

[Incidence of invasive melanoma increasing in adults over 55 in Victoria Australia](#)

[Nivolumab combined with ipilimumab effective therapy for patients with asymptomatic untreated brain metastases](#)

[Over 90,400 New Zealanders estimated to be diagnosed with at least one in situ or invasive keratinocytic cancer in 2018](#)

[Behavioural counseling interventions recommended for persons with fair skin types](#)

[Dermatofluoroscopy accurate in cutaneous melanoma detection](#)

[Behavioural interventions have no clear effect on melanoma outcomes](#)

[SPF 100+ sunscreen more effective than SPF 50+ sunscreen](#)

[Immunotherapy shown to produce durable remissions](#)

[Medical students require more education about skin cancer and skin cancer preventive behaviours](#)

[Risk stratification tool for melanoma for use by general population](#)