



# MelNet update

20 August 2018

## **2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit: don't miss your chance to be involved**

[Register now](#)

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## **RNZCGP 2018 Fellowship and Awards: Dr Lawrence Herd and Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley**

Congratulations to **Dr Lawrence Herd** and **Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley** who were awarded honours at the 2018 Royal New Zealand College of GP's Fellowship and Awards Ceremony.

Dr Lawrence Herd, a Northland GP was awarded a Community Services Medal for his contribution to the establishment of a skin cancer clinic at the Dargaville Medical Centre, which has now been operating for nearly 30 years. Dr Herd has also played an important role in training junior doctors and medical students to recognise and manage skin cancer. These achievements have contributed to a significant reduction in morbidity and mortality associated with skin cancer in his community.

Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley was awarded an Honorary Fellowship for the many significant contributions she has made to dermatology. These include presenting dermatoscopy workshops for primary care providers, developing suspected skin cancer teledermatology eReferrals in the Waikato region and establishing and maintaining the DermNet NZ website, which is now regarded as the world's most popular online resource for skin health.

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## **Ministry of Health National Ethics Advisory Committee: Draft National Ethics Standards for Health and Disability Research now open for public feedback**

The National Ethics Advisory Committee are seeking online and face-to-face feedback on the draft National Ethics Standards for Health and Disability Research.

[Read the draft Standards](#)

[Complete the online consultation form](#). Online consultation is open until 5.00pm 20 September 2018.

[Find out about regional face-to-face consultation meetings](#). Meetings are being held in Auckland, Waikato, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin during September.

Questions? Contact [neac@moh.govt.nz](mailto:neac@moh.govt.nz)

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## **Primary and Secondary Care Nurses: don't forget to register for the melanoma study day**

12 October 2018

Auckland

This study day is targeted at primary and secondary care nurses and will include discussions around melanoma, radiation and medical oncology, the patient journey, pathology and more.

To register please email [trish.leathem@middlemore.co.nz](mailto:trish.leathem@middlemore.co.nz).

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## In the news

### **Sunscreen, sunbed rules sought as skin cancers increase**

Otago Daily Times

1 August 2018

The 2018 Skin Cancer Index, (published by Derma.plus), shows nearly 2500 New Zealanders are diagnosed with skin cancer every year. Consumer New Zealand Chief Executive Sue Chetwin is calling for mandatory sunscreen standards and a ban on sunbeds.

[Read the story](#)

### **Kiwis are 'missing out' on life-saving cancer drugs – Aussie oncologist**

Radio Live NZ

7 August 2018

Australian oncologist Professor John Zalcborg believes New Zealand's cancer survival rates are falling behind Australia's because New Zealanders don't have access to life saving drugs like dabrafenib.

[Read the story](#)

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## Upcoming events

### **Melanoma New Zealand webinar: Melanoma, lymphoedema and "extra size" beyond the basics**

7.00pm 22 August 2018

Online webinar

This webinar, presented by Gloria Patterson (Senior Physiotherapist, North Shore Hospital) and Robyn Kinnear (Toomac) will discuss the latest research, clinical assessment tools, and the importance of correctly fitting garments in relation to melanoma and lymphoedema.

[More information and registration](#)

### **Skin Cancer Symposiums: Certificate of Advanced Dermatoscopy**

24 - 25 August 2018

Auckland

Designed for doctors who deal with skin cancers in their everyday practice but would like to upskill and become proficient in the use of the dermatoscope.

The course will cover the building blocks of dermatoscopic language, how to do a systematic skin examination and dermatoscopic diagnosis of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. All participants receive a complimentary MoleScope II Dermatoscope.

[More information](#)

### **Skin Cancer Symposiums: Certificate of Surgical and Medical Management of Skin Cancer**

26 August 2018

Auckland

This practical training course caters for beginners to seasoned practitioners. The course covers practical aspects of the punch biopsy and shave excisions, while also addressing non-surgical/medical treatments options. All participants receive a free surgical kit with sutures.

[More information](#)

## Queenstown Research Week

25 – 31 August 2018

Queenstown

New Zealand's biggest annual scientific gathering, Queenstown Research Week is a week of coordinated meetings covering a wide range of science areas developed by NZ Medical Sciences Congress, Queenstown Molecular Biology Meetings and the Australasian Winter Conference on Brain Research.

[More information](#)

### Other upcoming events

September	October	November
<p><b>Goodfellow Unit Red Whale Update</b> 1 September 2018 Auckland <a href="#">Further information</a></p>	<p><b>Australasian Melanoma Conference</b> 5 – 6 October 2018 Melbourne <a href="#">Further information</a></p>	<p><b>2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit</b> 2 – 3 November 2018 Auckland <a href="#">Further information</a></p>
<p><b>39th Australasian Dermatopathology Society Annual Scientific Meeting</b> 14 – 16 September 2018 Adelaide <a href="#">Further information</a></p>	<p><b>Sydney Cancer Conference</b> 11 – 12 October 2018 Sydney <a href="#">Further information</a></p>	
<p><b>International Conference on Cancer Nursing</b> 23-26 September 2018 Auckland <a href="#">Further information</a></p>		

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### Recent MelNet website postings

[Efficacy and safety of pembrolizumab in patients with advanced melanoma not affected by prior therapy or PD-L1 status](#)

[Modeled Prognostic Subgroups for Survival and Treatment Outcomes in BRAF V600–Mutated Metastatic Melanoma](#)

[Mobile app effective in increasing skin self-examination rates](#)

[American Academy of Dermatology's skin cancer screening programme effective in helping detect skin cancer early](#)

[Researchers develop blood test to detect early stage melanoma](#)

[Age-standardised rates for keratinocyte cancers relatively stable in South Australia](#)

[Availability of primary care providers associated with increased early-stage melanoma diagnosis](#)

[Global DNA methylation influences melanoma's ability to evade anti-tumor immune responses](#)

[WHO guidelines for sun protection should be revised in light of new evidence](#)

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