



# MelNet update

20 May 2018

## 2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit: In case you missed it

**Early bird registrations close 31 May 2018** - take advantage of the early bird rate and [register now](#).

**The call for abstracts is now open.** Present your innovative initiative, research project or model of best practice for melanoma prevention, diagnosis, treatment or care in New Zealand. Abstract submission closes 10 August 2018. [Find out more](#).

**Earn CME credit.** The 2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit has been endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) and has been approved for up to 6 and 5.5 CME credits (per session) for the General Practice Educational Programme (GPEP) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes.

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## Survey for Ministry of Health Appearance Industry Project

The Ministry of Health's Public Health Group has commenced a project on public health risks in the appearance industry. The aim is to understand the prevalence of harm and problematic practices relating to the use of IPL/VPL, lasers, HIFU and other plug in treatments for cosmetic reasons. This is part of assessing and building the case for an effective regulatory response.

Help the Ministry by completing one of the following two surveys before **11 June 2018**:

- **Survey 1:** For [beauty industry operators](#) working with lasers, IPL/VPL, light treatments or HIFU. It asks for information on harms caused by the devices by the operator or someone else.
  - **Survey 2:** For [registered medical practitioners](#) who attend patients or arrange referrals for follow up care, particularly when the initial operator may have missed a skin cancer.
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## Funding opportunities for clinicians to undertake cancer genomic research

Fellowship funding is available to assist three Auckland clinicians to undertake clinical or translational cancer genomics research.

This research needs to be undertaken as a collaboration between a University of Auckland research laboratory working in the genomics field, and a clinician working in one of the Auckland DHBs. There are no restrictions on the seniority or sub-speciality of the clinician, provided the research they undertake is related to cancer genomics.

The funding covers clinical salary 'buyout' for approximately 1-month full time (or up to 6-months of one morning a week) and up to \$3,000 research expenses.

Ideally research will start before the end of 2018, however this may be flexible.

The overall goals for these fellowships are to:

- heighten interest in genomic research as part of the medical careers of Auckland cancer clinicians
- further energise Auckland's clinical-research collaborations in genomics
- generate long-term clinician-researcher collaborations that benefit translational cancer research in Auckland.

If you are interested, please contact Thierry Lints at [t.lints@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:t.lints@auckland.ac.nz) by Friday 25 May 2018.

## Recent releases

### Findings from DHB public health visits to commercial solaria: 1 July 2017 – 31 January 2018

The report on DHB visits to commercial solaria carried out in the second half of 2017 is now available.

These visits focused on:

- checking sunbed operator websites for claims of benefits from using a sunbed, or statements that using a sunbed is risk free
- trying to get all operators to use a compliant consent form
- making sure that public health units' databases of operators in their areas were up to date.

[Read the findings](#)

### Paper on SunSmart Schools

The University of Otago Cancer Society Social and Behavioural Research Unit has recently released a paper on SunSmart Schools as a New Zealand skin cancer primary prevention intervention blueprint for primary school settings. The study provides evidence to suggest that the delivery of a comprehensive sun protection programme in a primary school setting is positively associated with school sun protection policies and practices, which can reduce students' exposure to excessive UVR and, ultimately, their risk of skin cancer.

[Read the paper](#)

### Meeting report from 2018 Sunscreen Summit

On 19 and 20 March 2018, the Australian Skin and Skin Cancer Research Centre (ASSC) hosted a Sunscreen Summit in Brisbane with a view to developing a consensus approach to sunscreen policy.

The Summit was attended by over 100 representatives from NGOs, government agencies, specialist colleges, research institutions, policy makers and consumers.

[Read the meeting report](#)

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### Cancer Next Generation Sequencing workshop

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

15 June 2018

Tamaki Yacht Club, Auckland

Interpreting the results of next generation sequencing remains challenging for clinicians and scientists alike.

This workshop is suitable for clinicians, genetic counsellors, medical laboratory scientists and translational researchers with all levels of experience. It will include:

- summaries of scientific and clinical aspects of genomic changes in cancer, and of the laboratory and bioinformatic processes required for next generation sequencing
- brief vignettes from companies showing what technologies are available now and what are on the horizon
- interactive discussions about the interpretation of germline and somatic gene variants in cancer
- participants working through several examples where they interpret cancer next generation sequencing data.

A small amount of pre-reading will be provided for participants new to these technologies.

If you would like to attend this workshop, please email [t.lints@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:t.lints@auckland.ac.nz).

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## Other upcoming events

May	June	July
<p><b>Australasian Skin Cancer Congress</b> 25-27 May 2018 Gold Coast <a href="#">Further information</a></p>	<p><b>NZMA GP CME General Practice Conference</b> 7 -10 June 2018 Rotorua <a href="#">Further information</a></p>	<p><b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy</b> 7-8 July 2018 Auckland <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>10th Skin Cancer Summit and Masterclasses</b> 25-28 July 2018 Brisbane, Australia <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>RNZCGP Conference for General Practice</b> 27-29 July 2018 Auckland <a href="#">Further information</a></p>

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## Recent MelNet website postings

[Meeting report from 2018 Sunscreen Summit](#)

[Patient-focused online resources for melanoma vary greatly in content and quality](#)

[Framing of skin cancer prevention messages dependent on intended behaviour change](#)

[Store-and-forward teledermatology could improve access to a dermatology consultation by optimizing the care course](#)

[Electrical impedance spectroscopy useful in identifying malignant melanoma](#)

[Men with nonmelanoma skin cancer history less likely to die of melanoma](#)

[SunSmart schools: a New Zealand skin cancer primary prevention intervention blueprint for primary school settings](#)

[UVR app reliably collects data on personal UV exposure but not physical activity](#)

[Sun protection of hats limited by diffuse UVR](#)

[Long intervals between diagnosis of primary melanoma and large bowel metastasis](#)

[Adjuvant pembrolizumab for resected high-risk melanoma has significant impact on relapse-free survival](#)

[Preventative skin cancer exams associated with improved skin cancer-related practices and attitudes](#)

[Diagnostic accuracy of physician assistants lower than dermatologists](#)

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