



MelNet update

20 September 2018

2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit: In case you missed it

[Updated programme now available](#)

Standard registration close on 5 October 2018. Time is running out for you to be part of this action-packed event. Don't miss your chance - [register now](#).

Notice of MelNet AGM - 2 November 2018

The MelNet AGM will be held at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland from 5.15 – 5.45pm on Friday 2 November 2018, in conjunction with the 2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit.

Members are invited to submit nominations for the Executive Committee in writing to the [MelNet Coordinator](#) no later than **5.00 pm Friday 19 October 2018**. These should include the nominee's name, a brief biography and the signatures of two members.

According to MelNet rules, the Committee shall comprise at least eight and no more than ten members, with occupations that span the continuum. Members who will be serving the second year of their two-year term are a health promoter, a plastic surgeon, a surgical oncologist and a plastic surgeon/senior lecturer. Up to six additional members can be elected to the committee at the AGM. Preference will be given to those with oncology, GP, nursing, dermatology, pathology and research expertise.

Members are also invited to submit any remits or other matters to be considered at the AGM to the [MelNet Coordinator](#) no later than **5.00pm Friday 19 October 2018**.

In the news

Melanomas possibly missed

Otago Daily Times
20 August 2018

Nodular and thick melanomas may be being missed by doctors in New Zealand who are using the traditional 'ABCDE' method of diagnosing melanoma, according to a recent University of Otago study led by Dr Mary-Jane Sneyd. Dr Sneyd suggests greater public and physician education on the characteristics of nodular and thick melanoma is needed, with patients being strongly encouraged to seek early physician advice. She also suggests additions to the 'ABCDE' method of diagnosing could be useful.

[Read the story](#)

[Read the research](#)

Upcoming events

International Conference on Cancer Nursing

23 – 26 September 2018
Auckland

This conference is an opportunity to engage with cancer nurses from around the world and participate in conversations that will shape cancer nursing research and translate evidence-based cancer nursing education, practice and research into patient-centred care.

[More information and registration](#)

International Sentinel Node Society Biennial Meeting

11 – 13 October

Tokyo

This meeting will address new developments and challenges around the sentinel node concept.

[More information and registration](#)

Primary and secondary care nurses melanoma study day

12 October 2018

Auckland

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

[See the latest programme](#)

To register email trish.leathem@middlemore.co.nz.

Other upcoming events

October	November	December
<p>Sydney Cancer Conference 11 – 12 October 2018 Sydney Further information</p>	<p>2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit 2 – 3 November 2018 Auckland Further information</p>	<p>Professional certificate of skin cancer surgery 1-2 December 2018 Sydney Further information</p>
<p>Skin cancer professional and advanced certificates of skin cancer surgery 13 – 14 October 2018 Brisbane Further information</p>	<p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 10-11 November Gold Coast Further information</p>	<p>Cancer Trials New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting 3 December Auckland Further information</p>
<p>European Society for Medical Oncology 2018 Congress 19-23 October 2018 Munich, Germany Further information</p>	<p>Professional certificate of skin cancer surgery 10-11 November 2018 Perth Further information</p>	
<p>15th International Congress of the Society for Melanoma Research 24-28 October 2018 Manchester, England Further information</p>	<p>Clinical Oncology Society of Australia 13-15 November 2018 Perth Further information</p>	
<p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 27-28 October 2018 Sydney Further information</p>		

[For more events see the MelNet events calendar](#)

Recent MelNet website postings

[Policy promotion a feasible approach to occupational skin cancer prevention.](#)

[Prevention campaign effective in reducing sunbed use in Denmark](#)

[Patient age an important factor in estimating sentinel lymph node risk in patients with intermediate thickness melanoma](#)

[Robust prediction of response to immune checkpoint blockade therapy in metastatic melanoma](#)

[European melanoma bio-bank important resource in clinical melanoma research](#)

[Nodular and thick melanomas may be being missed by NZ doctors](#)

[Regular sunscreen use reduces melanoma risk among young Australian adults](#)

[Pigmented lesion assay reduces costs and improves care](#)

[Brief dermatologist-delivered intervention improves sun protection behaviour](#)
