



MelNet Update 23 January 2018

2018: Skin Lesions & Dermatoscopy Courses

Conducted by Honorary Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, three one-day Common Skin Lesions and Dermatoscopy courses are scheduled in 2018 thus far.

Saturday 10 March 2018 – Hawke's Bay

This course will be hosted by MelNet and the Hawke's Bay DHB with support from the Health Promotion Agency. You can find further information [here](#), and you can register [here](#).

Friday 23 March 2018 – Auckland

This course will be co-hosted by the Goodfellow Symposium and MelNet, and offered as a pre-symposium workshop. You can find further information and register [here](#).

Saturday 5 May 2018 – Invercargill

This course will be hosted by MelNet with support from the Health Promotion Agency. You can find further information [here](#), and you can register [here](#).

15 March 2018: Research and Therapy Special Interest Group Meeting

12.00 noon to 4.00 pm

Thursday 15 March 2018

Auckland International Airport Novotel

All health professionals and researchers with a special interest in melanoma research and therapy are invited to this MelNet-sponsored meeting of the melanoma research and therapy special interest group.

The topics to be addressed are:

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

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the MelNet Coordinator (melnet@melnet.org.nz) no later than Thursday 8 March 2018.

Broadly, the aims of the special interest group, which was established at the December 2017 inaugural meeting, are:

- to achieve consensus on current issues and to seek to implement solutions to these issues, and
- to improve upon current standards of care by promoting and facilitating research in melanoma.

You can find recommendations of the inaugural meeting of the group [here](#).

2-3 November: Melanoma Summit 2018

Mark your calendar now for the fifth national Melanoma Summit, which will be held at the in Auckland on 2 and 3 November 2018, with pre-Summit workshops on 1 November.

As in the past, the 2018 Summit will provide a unique and important opportunity for professionals working in all areas of melanoma control (including health promoters, nurses, general practitioners, pathologists, dermatologists, surgeons, oncologists and researchers) to be informed of recent developments and to identify priorities for action.

4-6 April 2018: UV Workshop

Be sure to register for the “UV Radiation: Effects on Human Health and the Environment” workshop to be held in Wellington 4-6 April 2018. You can find further information about the workshop and register [here](#). MelNet is a sponsor of the workshop.

Recent MelNet website postings

[Invercargill Skin Lesions and Dermatoscopy Course 2018](#)

[Impact of time from diagnosis to surgery on overall survival](#)

[Electronic sun journal may improve knowledge of personal sun exposure](#)

[Gaps in skin cancer prevention interventions](#)

[The role of UV radiation in uveal melanoma](#)

[SPF 100+ sunscreen more protective against sunburn than SPF 50+](#)

[Pembrolizumab: Low incidence of relapse provides hope for a cure for some](#)

[Follow-up practices after diagnosis and treatment of melanoma in Australia](#)

[Results of US-based sun smart schools programme](#)

[New Zealand melanoma registrations for 2015](#)

[Interaction between gender and UVI found to be age dependent](#)

Greetings from Katrina Patterson, the new MelNet Coordinator

As of 1 February 2018, I will officially take over as the MelNet Coordinator. I am really excited to join MelNet and can't wait to start contributing to the excellent work they do.

Having worked closely with Betsy over the past six weeks, it is clear I have some big shoes to fill. I come to MelNet with a background in project management, with my most recent role being at the Health Promotion Agency.

When I'm not working, you will find me chasing my inquisitive 10 month old around (and probably my husband too!).

I am based in Wellington so if you are in town please get in touch, I would love to meet you. I look forward to working with you soon.