



MelNet update

20 April 2019

Last chance to register for New Plymouth Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy Courses

9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Saturday 11 May 2019

The Devon Hotel, New Plymouth

This course is hosted by MelNet with support from the Health Promotion Agency. Conducted by Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, the one-day course will address clinical and dermatoscopic diagnosis of common benign and malignant skin lesions, particularly pigmented lesions.

All health professionals undertaking skin examinations are invited to attend, whether new to or experienced in dermatoscopy.

It has been endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and has been approved for up to 6.5 credits CME for the General Practice Educational Programme (GPEP) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes.

[Register](#) | [More information](#) | [Course programme](#)

Save the date: Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting

12.00 noon – 4.00 pm

Friday 14 June 2019

Ko Awatea Centre, Middlemore Hospital, Auckland

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.

Topics to be discussed are:

- **Clinical trials in New Zealand:** how can we improve the number of trials in New Zealand and the access to those trials
- **Immune checkpoint inhibitor data:** how does New Zealand coordinate auditing and standardisation of outcomes across DHBs and how can we draw DHBs together to reach similar outcomes?

For catering purposes, please RSVP to [MelNet](#) no later than **Wednesday 5 June 2019**.

[More information about the group](#)

New resources: 'Immunotherapy – what to expect' videos for patients

Researchers at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Victoria Australia have developed a series of videos for patients about to start immunotherapy. These were developed in consultation with patients, family members, nurses and medical oncologists to cover the topics most important to them, and feature patients, family and nurses.

They are “brand free” so are suitable for use by all patients, irrespective of the type of cancer they have, where they are being treated and what organisation they belong to. There are, however, several differences between Australia and New Zealand:

- **After hours care:** Australia has a 24-hour telephone service. In New Zealand patients are directed to Healthline or advised to present at the nearest hospital.
- **Funded immunotherapies:** New Zealand currently has Nivolumab and Pembrolizumab funded (as at April 2019).
- **Timeframes for infusion length:** Timeframes for infusion length in New Zealand are generally 1 - 2 hours.

There are five videos in total, each covering a specific topic relating to starting immunotherapy treatment.

Video 1: [What you need to know about immunotherapy](#)

Video 2: [Preparing for immunotherapy](#)

Video 3: [Immunotherapy and side-effects](#)

Video 4: [Immunotherapy and lifestyle](#)

Video 5: [Seeking support and Immunotherapy](#)

See the [Youtube channel](#)



Roche Translational Cancer Research Fellowship

This award provides a unique opportunity for NZ cancer research teams to up-skill an integral team member so that the team can work together more effectively to improve research output.

Translational research teams that include BOTH clinicians and scientists are eligible for this award, valued at \$30,000. The team must all be New Zealand Society for Oncology (NZSO) members and will be required to give an oral presentation at a subsequent NZSO conference describing the use of the support provided by the award, learning gained and how this has impacted on the research team.

Applications will be assessed by a panel consisting of two senior international cancer researchers and chaired ex officio by the President of the NZSO.

To apply please send the CV of the team recipient, along with a one page proposal that includes details on the team, how the team proposes to use the funds and how the proposed activity would improve the output of the team to charlotte@conference.nz. All applications must be received by **Friday 30 August**.

[Full details on eligibility, favoured recipients and requirements](#)

Upcoming events



9th Australasian Skin Cancer Congress

24 – 26 May 2019

Gold Coast, Australia

Hosted by Skin Cancer College Australasia, the 9th Australasian Skin Cancer Congress will provide current, practical information for primary care skin cancer professionals. It is an opportunity to hear from world leaders in skin cancer medicine, engage with peers, ask questions and share experiences. Key highlights will be presentations on artificial intelligence and skin grafts as well as updates on medical and radiation oncology and the revision of the NMSC Clinical Guidelines.

[Further information](#) | [Registration](#)

Save the date: Cancer Trials New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting



Other upcoming events

May	June
<p>Inaugural Australasian Ocular Melanoma Alliance (AOMA) Summit 3 - 4 May 2019 Sydney, Australia Further information</p>	<p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 15 – 16 June 2019 Perth, Australia Further information</p>
<p>Royal Australasian College of Surgeons 88th Annual Scientific Congress 2019 6 – 10 May 2019 Bangkok, Thailand Further information</p>	<p>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery 15 – 16 June 2019 Gold Coast, Australia Further information</p>
<p>4th Victoria Integrated Cancer Services Conference 2019 9 – 10 May 2019 Melbourne, Australia Further information</p>	<p>NZMA GP CME General Practice Conference 20 – 23 June 2019 Rotorua Further information</p>
<p>Australasian College of Dermatologists Annual Scientific Meeting 2019 18 – 21 May 2019 Melbourne, Australia Further information</p>	
<p>Immuno-Oncology 2019 2nd World Congress 23 – 24 May 2019 Barcelona, Spain Further information</p>	

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

Recent MelNet website postings

[Redesigning skin cancer early detection and care using a new mobile health application](#)

[Knowledge of the importance of sun protection does not translate into sun protective behaviour in nursing students](#)

[Legislation alone is ineffective at reducing teen sunbed usage](#)

[Readability of sentinel node biopsy online patient resources poor](#)

[Parents of children with an elevated familial risk of melanoma need specific strategies to address sun protection barriers](#)

[Epidemiological evidence of carcinogenicity of sunbed use and of efficacy of preventive measures](#)

[More work needed to help public understand and use the UVI properly](#)

[High naevus count and red hair alleles contribute synergistically to increased melanoma risk](#)

[Partial biopsy can provide sufficient information to plan for definitive surgical melanoma management](#)

[Diagnostic performance of AI and dermatologists compared](#)
