

MelNet update

20 December 2019

thank you

for your support and commitment this year in helping MelNet achieve its goals. We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday season.



A snapshot of MelNet's year | Celebrating our achievements

- Our membership grew to over 1300.
- We held two meetings of the [Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group](#).
- We coordinated two one-day Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy courses. Thank you to Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley for conducting these courses.
- In collaboration with Cancer Nurse Coordinators, we organised a Skin Cancer Study Day for over 100 nurses in the Auckland region.
- Many MelNet members have been heavily involved in updating the Standards of Service Provision for Patients with Melanoma in New Zealand – Provisional.
- We have made submissions recommending:
 - Standards NZ retain AS/NZS 2635:2008 Solaria for cosmetic purposes (in partnership with Melanoma New Zealand)
 - sunscreen be included in the Therapeutic Products Regulatory Scheme
 - strengthening actions in the New Zealand Cancer Action Plan that support skin cancer prevention and early detection (in partnership with Melanoma New Zealand).
- We have continued to provide up-to-date information, research and resources.

Looking ahead to a busy 2020 | A taste of MelNet's planned events

Skin Cancer Study Days for Nurses

Hosted by MelNet and Cancer Nurse Coordinators, these study days are targeted at primary and secondary care nurses and nursing students. They will cover skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care, increasing understanding of the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse.

- **Canterbury: Friday 21 February 2020 (Manawa)**
The cost of attending is \$50.00. Less than 20 spaces left - register now to avoid disappointment.
[See the programme](#) | [Register now](#) | [More information](#)
- **Wellington: 8 May 2020 (Hutt Hospital)**
Registrations open January 2020. Spaces will be limited.
- **Bay of Plenty: 12 June 2020 (Tauranga Hospital)**
Registrations open February 2020. Spaces will be limited.
- **Auckland: September 2020**
Details to follow

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Skin Lesions and Dermatoscopy course

Friday 27 March 2020 (Vodafone Events Centre, Auckland)

Conducted by Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, this one-day course addresses clinical and dermatoscopic diagnosis of common benign and malignant skin lesions, particularly pigmented lesions. All health professionals undertaking skin examinations are invited to attend.

The course is co-hosted by MelNet and the Goodfellow Symposium and offered as a pre-symposium workshop. It has been endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and has been approved for up to 6.0 credits CME for General Practice Educational Programme Stage 2 (GPEP2) and Maintenance of Professional Standards (MOPS) purposes.

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

NZMA GP CME Conferences

Rotorua: 11 – 14 June 2020

Christchurch: 13 – 16 August 2020

MelNet and Molemap are co-hosting a skin cancer forum which will cover the essentials for primary care practitioners on skin cancer prevention, early detection and treatment. MelNet is also partnering with Skin Cancer Symposiums to deliver a repeating one-hour workshop “No-one should die of melanoma”.

[More information](#)

New Zealand Melanoma Summit

Due to the Australasian Melanoma Conference (AMC) being scheduled on 23 - 24 October 2020 in Sydney, the MelNet Executive Committee have made the decision to postpone the next New Zealand Melanoma Summit to **November 2021**. More details to follow next year.

In lieu of a Summit, we encourage you to attend the AMC. Hosted by Melanoma Institute Australia, the two-day event will include national and international experts outlining the current research and clinical landscape of melanoma, as well as presentations on specific areas of interest including diagnosis, survivorship, and the treatment of early stage and advanced disease.

[More information](#)

Other news and events

Skin Cancer Symposiums International Certificate of Dermatoscopy and Skin Cancer Medicine

25 - 26 January 2020
Melbourne, Australia



In this two-day course, Professor Cliff Rosendahl and Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley explain dermatoscopy in a way that will help you recognise skin cancers earlier and with greater precision. All registrants receive a complimentary dermatoscope, Dermengine subscription and dermatoscopy textbook.

[More information](#)

Skin Cancer Symposiums Certificate of Fundamental Dermatoscopy

29 February 2020
Auckland

Aimed at beginners, this course covers the fundamentals of dermatoscopic diagnosis of skin lesions including the 'Chaos and Clues' algorithm. It has been endorsed by RNZCGP for six hours of CME. All attendees receive a complimentary dermatoscope, DermEngine subscription and a dermatoscopy textbook.

[More information](#)

Skin Cancer Symposiums Certificate of Surgical and Medical Management of Skin Cancer

1 March 2020

Auckland

This practical course covers the simple ellipse, punch biopsy, shave excisions as well as non-surgical/medical treatments options. It has been endorsed by RNZCGP and has been approved for up to 6.00 CME credits for the General Practice Educational Programme (GPEP) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes. All participants will receive a free surgical kit.

[More information](#)



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

Recent MelNet website postings

[Algorithm diagnoses skin cancer as accurately as dermatologists](#)

[Interactions between genotype and environment consistent with divergent pathways for melanoma development](#)

[Long term favourable outcomes for BRAFV600-mutated melanoma patients treated with a combination of vemurafenib and cobimetinib](#)

[Consumer NZ sunscreen testing: eight out of 20 sunscreens meet label claims](#)

[Blood test latest monitoring tool for early detection of uveal melanoma](#)

[American "Don't Fry Day" Twitter campaign generated over 45 million impressions](#)

[Randomised control trial to evaluate efficacy of 3D total-body photography in high-risk melanoma cohort](#)

[PHARMAC changes to advanced melanoma funding criteria approved - effective from 1 December 2019](#)

[Sun protection knowledge/sunburn paradox still exists in the New Zealand population](#)



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