



MelNet update

20 May 2019

Don't forget to RSVP for the Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting

12.00 noon – 4.00 pm

Friday 14 June 2019

Room 202, 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**.

If you cannot attend in person but wish to video conference in, please advise [MelNet](#) no later than **Wednesday 5 June 2019**.

[More information about the group](#)

Save the date: Auckland Regional Skin Cancer Study Day- an all-day course for nurses

Friday 6 September 2019

Whenua Pupuke, North Shore Hospital

This one-day study day is targeted at primary and secondary care nurses. It will discuss skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care, helping attendees to better understand the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse throughout this journey.

More details, including how to register will be coming soon.

Reminder: 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](#)

AMRF: Call for applications for a melanoma or other skin cancer Fellowship



The Auckland Medical Research Foundation (AMRF) is calling for applications for the JI Sutherland Medical Research Fellowship. This inaugural Fellowship is open to medical or science graduates who wish to undertake full-time medical research for a PhD or an MD in the specific field of melanoma or other skin cancer research. The type of research can range from basic through to clinical research.

For medical graduates the salary support package is set at L1 level of the non-medical Lecturers scale at the University of Auckland. For science graduates a non-taxable stipend at the same level as the AMRF PhD stipend will be provided. The Fellowship will also cover annual tuition fees and will provide an annual contribution of up to \$5,000 towards working expenses for the project. In addition, during the term of the Fellowship there is provision for one award of up to \$5,000 to assist with conference travel expenses.

The AMRF aims to improve the health of New Zealanders through funding the highest quality medical research of all kinds. Our funding area is limited to all recognised tertiary institutions and DHB's in the greater Auckland and Northland region of New Zealand. The funding area may be extended outside this region only if hosted by a principal investigator who is a member of an Auckland tertiary institution or a DHB clinical unit in Auckland or Northland.

Please direct any questions to the Research Programme Manager on 09 923 1706 or email hannah.gibbons@medicalresearch.org.nz. Applications must be received by the AMRF on the portal by **5.00 pm 7 August 2019**.

Upcoming events

Skin Cancer Symposiums: Certificate of Advanced Dermatoscopy

27 – 28 July 2019
Auckland

This fully accredited and interactive two-day symposium is a comprehensive dermatoscopy course aimed at beginners and intermediates in dermatoscopy. The course will cover the building blocks of dermatoscopic language, how to do a systematic skin examination and dermatoscopic diagnosis of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. All participants receive a complimentary MoleScope II Dermatoscope.

[Further information and to register](#)

NZMA GP CME General Practice Conference

20 – 23 June 2019
Rotorua

This conference will provide a general practice update, short, sharp and to the point clinical content and key take home messages to help change practice behaviour immediately.

Sessions of interest include:

- **Dermatoscopy workshop: Thursday 20 June**
In this workshop Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley will address clinical and dermatoscopic diagnosis of common benign and malignant skin lesions, particularly pigmented lesions.
- **High risk skin cancer: Saturday 22 June**
This concurrent session will be presented by Dr Rajan Patel, a head and neck reconstructive surgeon at Auckland Head and Neck Specialists.

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

Other upcoming events

| June | July |
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| <p>Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting 14 June 2019 Ko Awatea, Middlemore Hospital, Auckland Further information</p> | <p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 6 – 7 July 2019 Cairns, 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 New Zealand College of General Practitioners Annual Conference 26 – 28 July 2019 Dunedin Centre, Dunedin 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>Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop 26 – 29 July 2019 Melbourne, Australia Further information</p> |
| <p>NZMA GP CME General Practice Conference 20 – 23 June 2019 Rotorua Further information</p> | <p>Certificate of Advanced Dermoscopy 27 - 28 July 2019 Auckland Further information</p> |
| | <p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 27 – 28 July 2019 Melbourne, Australia Further information</p> |

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

Recent MelNet website postings

[Careful counsel required when discussing the possibility of receiving treatment with immunotherapy](#)

[Surgical excision of melanoma in situ should include 9 mm of normal-appearing skin](#)

[Printed leaflets more impactful in increasing sun safety knowledge than social media](#)

[Traditional NZ media coverage of skin cancer low during springtime](#)

[Development and initial validation of a self-efficacy for skin self-examination scale](#)

[Rural GPs require structured follow-up practice for melanoma](#)

[Concerns about Vitamin D should not negate skin cancer prevention advice](#)

[Wide local excision prior to sentinel lymph node biopsy for primary melanoma of the head and neck](#)

[Legislation decreases youth indoor tanning behaviour](#)
