



20 September 2019

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

11.00 am – 3.30 pm

Friday 8 November 2019

Health Promotion Agency Auckland Office - Greenlane

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 on the (draft) agenda include:

- National immune checkpoint inhibitor database – a ‘strawman’ concept
- Pharmac criteria for pembrolizumab dosing schedule
- Melanoma Standards and reporting for systemic treatment

Videoconferencing facilities will be available for this meeting and we encourage those outside Auckland to utilise this option.

Please [RSVP](#) by Friday 1 November 2019 advising whether you plan to attend in person or by video conference. If attending in person, please also advise if you have any dietary requirements.

[More information about the group](#)

Notice of MelNet AGM - 8 November 2019

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Melanoma Network of New Zealand Incorporated will be held at 3.00 pm on Friday 8 November at the Health Promotion Agency Auckland Office (Level 2, Ascot Central 7 Ellerslie Racecourse Drive, Greenlane East), immediately following a meeting of the Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group.

Members are invited to submit nominations for the Executive Committee in writing to the MelNet CEO no later than 5.00 pm Friday 25 October 2019. These should include the nominee’s name, a brief biography and the signatures of two members.

We want to hear from you – what are skin pathology turn around times like in your region?

We are trying to obtain a better understanding of skin pathology turnaround times across the country for melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer.

This information will be used alongside pathology data to inform performance standards in the updated Standards of Service Provision for Melanoma Patients in NZ.

Tell us about your experience in your DHB by completing a [short survey](#).

We are updating our membership database – have you checked your details yet?

Please review your details by [logging in to your MelNet account](#) and clicking ‘Your profile’ on the left-hand bar.

If you have any questions or problems, please email [Katrina Patterson](#).

Hot off the press - Early Detection of Skin Cancer: Resources and Information Toolkit for Primary Care

The Health Promotion Agency (HPA) has recently released an *Early Detection of Skin Cancer Information and Resources Toolkit*, which brings together resources and information from HPA, Melanoma New Zealand, Cancer Society and MelNet.

All resources in the toolkit are **FREE** to order by clicking the links provided with each resource.

These resources can help communicate to patients the importance of getting skin changes or moles of concern checked early by a primary care practitioner. They promote skin checks, with an emphasis on men aged 50 years and over who are most at risk of skin cancer.

[See the online version of the Toolkit](#)



Course announcement: 2020 Skin Cancer Symposium dates

If you are looking for interactive, world-class dermoscopy and surgical training, secure your place at one of the four courses Skin Cancer Symposiums will be holding in 2020:

25 – 26 January 2020

“Zero to Hero” Dermoscopy Advanced Certification
Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre, Melbourne

29 February 2020

Fundamental Dermoscopy
Whenua Pupuke, North Shore Hospital, Auckland

1 March 2020

Skin Cancer Surgical Training
Whenua Pupuke, North Shore Hospital, Auckland

22 – 23 August 2020

“Zero to Hero” Dermoscopy Advanced Certification
Auckland University, Auckland

[More information](#)

Don't forget to submit your abstract for WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2020

23 – 26 April 2020

Auckland

Hosted by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and the New Zealand Rural General Practice Network, the theme of the conference is “Family medicine leading the way towards an advanced world of equity, quality and compassion”.

Abstract submission for oral presentations, posters and workshops closes on 31 October 2019.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase skin cancer work in New Zealand and we would love to see MelNet members included in the speaker line-up.

[More information](#)

In the news

[Pain-free vaccine patch might one day prevent melanoma](#)

Upcoming events

October	November
<p>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery Expert Workshop in Skin Cancer Surgery 12 – 13 October 2019 Brisbane, Australia Further information</p> <p>Cancer Trials New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting 24 October 2019 Wellington Further information</p> <p>New Zealand Society for Oncology Conference 25 - 26 October 2019 Wellington Further information</p> <p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 26 – 27 October 2019 Sydney, Australia Further information</p>	<p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 9 – 10 November 2019 Gold Coast, Australia Further information</p> <p>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery 09 - 10 November 2019 Perth, Australia Further information</p> <p>Clinical Oncology Society of Australia Annual Scientific Meeting 12 – 14 November 2019 Adelaide, Australia Further information</p>

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

Recent MelNet website postings

[A combination of human and artificial intelligence superior when classifying suspicious lesions](#)

[New nanovaccine for melanoma](#)

[Active outreach call to offer tailored support to advanced melanoma patients well received](#)

[Pharmacists could play a role in skin cancer screening](#)

[Impact of mobile health skin cancer prevention messages more effective with human presence](#)

[Promotion of UV forecast information unlikely to improve sun protective behaviours](#)

[Melanoma patients exercising to reduce immunotherapy-related fatigue](#)

[Potential adverse drug reactions to new targeted therapies should not be underestimated](#)

[Investigating strategies to improve clinical trial opportunities for patients with cancer in New Zealand—INSIGHT](#)
