



MelNet update

18 November 2020

Multi-disciplinary management of complex stage III and IV melanoma of the head and neck | Webinar recording now available

MelNet's second webinar "Multi-disciplinary management of complex stage III and IV melanoma of the head and neck" was held on 4 November.

If you were unable to join the live webinar, you can now [view the recording](#). You can also access it from the [MelNet webinars](#) and [resources](#) web pages, for future access.



Thank you to MSD for their generous support of this event.

Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group | Last call for attendance

10.30 am – 1.00 pm

Friday 27 November 2020

To be held virtually via Zoom

For health professionals and researchers with a special interest in melanoma research and therapy, this meeting will discuss:

- Advocating for funded adjuvant treatment in New Zealand
- Melanoma research: an update from MASC Trials

If you haven't already, please RSVP to [Marion Peat](#) for details on how to connect to the meeting.

[See the full agenda](#) | [More information about the group](#)

2020 MelNet Annual General Meeting | Friday 27 November 2020

1.00 – 1.30 pm

Friday 27 November 2020

To be held virtually via Zoom

The 2020 AGM will immediately follow the Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting. All members are warmly encouraged to attend.

The agenda and other documents, including biographies of the Executive Committee nominees, can be found in the members' area of the MelNet [website](#). Please have a quick read prior to the meeting.

Any member not represented at the AGM may appoint a proxy to speak and vote on their behalf. The appointment of a proxy must be in writing and signed by the member and state that: *I [member name] appoint [other member's name] to be my proxy at the AGM to be held virtually via Zoom at 1.00 pm on 27 November 2020.* The proxy must be received by the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) no later than 10.00 am on the day of the AGM.

[RSVP now](#)

Job vacancy: Melanoma Educator (part time) at Melanoma New Zealand

Melanoma New Zealand is looking for two part-time Melanoma Educators with qualifications and experience in dermoscopy. Ideally suited to a Doctor or Registered Nurse, these busy roles are an exciting opportunity to travel the country in Melanoma New Zealand's new van providing awareness and education in the community about melanoma prevention, as well as providing spot checks to raise awareness about the importance of regular full skin checks for early detection.

[More information](#)



Melanoma Insitute Australia (MIA) Education Update | Interactive game, new lecture

MIA have published an interactive game [DermChallenge: Management](#) where you can challenge your diagnostic skills by reviewing clinical and dermoscopic photos of lesions before deciding upon the best management option.

They have also shared a new lecture, [Melanoma near misses: Clues to diagnosis](#), from the world's leading melanoma pathologist, Professor Richard Scolyer. In this video he discusses some of the most challenging diagnoses of pigmented skin lesions - including borderline melanocytic tumours, melanocytomas, naevoid melanoma and desmoplastic melanoma - and provides clues to their diagnosis.

[Play game](#) | [Watch lecture](#)

Upcoming opportunities and events

2021 MelNet Events Calendar now online

Visit the [events section](#) on the MelNet website to see 2021 events you may be interested in. We try to monitor worldwide events that could be of interest for our members as much as we can, especially in our current uncertain COVID-related environment. Therefore it's worthwhile to keep checking the events calendar regularly for any updates.

We have also introduced a new section under News and Events: [Skin Cancer Education for Primary Care Practitioners](#) which lists events relevant to those working in primary care, such as dermatoscopy and surgical skills training courses.

Skin Cancer Symposiums new online course | Certificate of Fundamental Dermatoscopy

The new world-leading digital course 'Certificate of Fundamental Dermatoscopy' starts on 18 January 2021, and will run four times a year.



Professor Cliff Rosendahl and Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley present this interactive course aimed at beginners in the field of dermatoscopy and skin cancer. It features the latest video technology to mimic the experience of being in a lecture hall, as well as industry-leading e-learning software to create interactive modules. During the structured 12-week learning programme you will be able to watch lectures, do weekly quizzes and participate in discussions.

Access to the online course is complimentary for those who register for the Skin Cancer Symposiums in-person 'Certificate of Advanced Dermatoscopy' course before 17 January 2021 (to be held 14/15 August 2021).

[More information](#)

2021 Goodfellow Symposium



The Goodfellow Symposium 2021 will go ahead as a virtual event from 27 – 28 March 2021.

[Earlybird registration](#) is now open. You can view the [programme](#) here.

Other upcoming events

December / January

Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop

4 - 7 December 2020

Auckland

[Further information](#)

Melanoma 2021: 31st Annual Cutaneous Malignancy Update

23 – 24 January 2021

Live Streaming Virtual Event

[Further information](#)

February

Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online

5 February - 19 March 2021

Online

[Further information](#)

17th Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies

6 February 2021

Virtual Conference

[Further information](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

13 – 14 February 2021

Brisbane, Australia

[Further information](#)

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery

Online and optional workshop on 20 or 21 February 2021

Online and Adelaide, Australia

[Further information](#)

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery

Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery

Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery

Online and optional workshop on 27 or 28 February 2021

Online and Sydney, Australia

[Further information](#)

Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop

26 February – 1 March 2021

Sydney, Australia

[Further information](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

27 – 28 February 2021

Sydney, Australia

[Further information](#)

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

Recent MelNet website postings

Below is a selection of recent news postings on the MelNet website. Please visit the [website](#) to view all the latest news items.

[Intermittent BRAF inhibitor therapy dosing does not improve progression-free survival in melanoma patients](#)

[Efficacy, safety and on-treatment biomarker modulations associated with spartalizumab plus dabrafenib and trametinib are promising in treatment of metastatic melanoma](#)

[KRAS mutations help identify patients with primary melanoma at higher risk of brain metastases](#)

[Current status of regenerative wound dressings for skin cancer therapy](#)

[Whole-genome sequencing of acral melanoma reveals genomic complexity and diversity](#)

[Patients who relapse after adjuvant targeted therapy respond well to subsequent anti-PD-1 based therapy](#)

[Presence of multiple aggregated yellow-white globules may aid diagnosis of nonpigmented basal cell carcinoma](#)

[Surgical margins required for basal cell carcinomas treated with Mohs micrographic surgery according to tumor features](#)

[Minimizing the dermatoscopic morphologic overlap between basal and squamous cell carcinoma](#)

[Leukemia drug nilotinib may be effective for patients with BRAF-mutant melanomas](#)

[Underestimation of cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma incidence, even in cancer registries](#)

[Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma \(cSCC\) rates, incl. multiple cSCCs per patient, increasing](#)



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