



MelNet update

20 February 2020

New addition to MelNet | Welcome to Marion Peat

In January, Marion Peat joined the MelNet family as Events and Communications Coordinator. With a background in event management, Marion has taken over organising MelNet events and has been doing a fantastic job keeping the MelNet website and Facebook page updated with latest news, events and media stories.

You can contact Marion at admin@melnet.org.nz

Skin Cancer Study Days for Nurses | The role of a nurse in a skin cancer patient's journey

Hosted by MelNet and Cancer Nurse Coordinators, these study days are targeted at primary and secondary care nurses and nursing students. They 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.

- **Registration now open for Wellington:** Friday 29 May 2020 (Hutt Hospital)
Spaces are limited, so register early to avoid disappointment. The cost of attending is \$50.00.
[Register now](#)
[See the preliminary programme](#)
- **Auckland:** 11 September 2020
More details coming soon.
- **Change of date for Bay of Plenty:** Now Friday 30 October 2020 (Tauranga Hospital)

[More information](#)

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Don't forget to register for the MelNet 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 now](#)

[More information](#)

Closing soon – 0.5 FTE Skin Cancer Specialist position at Waitemata DHB

Waitemata DHB are looking for a Skin Cancer Specialist to work with the Cutaneous Oncology Service to see and treat skin cancer patients referred to Waitemata DHB. Responsibilities will include outpatient clinics, theatre sessions at Waitakere Hospital and involvement in the Cutaneous Oncology MDM.

Applicants must hold (or be eligible for) NZ medical registration and have FRACS OR FRACP (Dermatology) OR have a relevant post-graduate qualification in skin cancer surgery.

Applications close 22 February 2020.

[Position description](#) | [Apply](#) | [Further information](#)

Worth a read: Health Promotion Agency's research "SunSmart behaviours for outdoor socialisers"

The Health Promotion Agency has undertaken qualitative research into attitudes, awareness, and concern toward UVR and SunSmart behaviours of outdoor socialisers aged 18-24 years.

Findings identified:

- A high awareness of SunSmart behaviours, however this does not always translate into using SunSmart behaviours.
- Decision making is driven by short-term considerations such as choosing to tan or look good.
- Knowledge of UV risk and behaviours to reduce UV exposure is not sufficient motivation to adopt these behaviours or use UVR information to help inform SunSmart behaviours.

[Read the research findings](#)

Refreshed #DumbBurn Skin Cancer Prevention Campaign

The Health Promotion Agency has launched a refreshed '#DumbBurn' campaign. Running until the end of February 2020, the campaign targets 18 – 24-year olds in social or workplace settings.

The key messages of the campaign are:

- Avoid #DumbBurn this summer.
- Protect your skin when you are outside. Be SunSmart Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap.
- Sunburn from UV radiation is inconvenient, looks stupid and gets in the way of having fun.
- For more information see SunSmart.org.nz.

Get behind the campaign by sharing it within your community. Free promotional resources are available for you to use including video advertisements, posters and online banners.

[Order FREE resources](#)

Share the #DumbBurn [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages



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](#)



The ASSC Sun Exposure Summit will address Australia's and New Zealand's current policies regarding the risks and benefits of sun exposure, and how these risks should be communicated.

Attendance is free, but registration is required by 2 March 2020.

[More information](#)

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, this conference is expected to attract around 1000 GPs and health professionals. The theme of the conference is "Family medicine leading the way towards an advanced world of equity, quality and compassion".

MelNet has been accepted for an oral presentation on prevention and early detection of melanoma – we would love to see you there.

Australasian Skin Cancer Congress

1 – 3 May 2020
Gold Coast, Australia

Featuring internationally renowned speakers such as:

- **Craig Sinclair** (Cancer Council Victoria): What works and what doesn't in skin cancer prevention education.
- **Gerald Fogarty** (St Vincent's Clinic and St Vincent's General Hospital, Darlinghurst; Mater Hospital, North Sydney): New waves in the treatment of Merkel Cell cancer.
- **Peter Soyer** (University of Queensland): Australian Centre of Excellence for Melanoma Imaging and Diagnosis (ACEMID): An update.
- **David Whiteman** (QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute): Results from QSKIN and beyond

[Early bird registration](#) closes 29 February 2020.

[More information](#)

Other upcoming events

March
Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop 6 – 9 March 2020 Sydney Further information
Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 7 – 8 March 2020 Sydney, Australia Further information
TROG 31st Annual Scientific Meeting 16 – 19 March 2020 Sydney, Australia Further information
RCPA Pathology Update 2020 20 – 22 March 2020 Sydney, Australia Further information
21st World Dermatology Congress 23 – 24 March 2020 Tokyo, Japan Further information

April
2nd World Congress on Advanced Treatments in Skin Cancer (Skin-Cancer2020) 2 - 3 April 2020 Berlin, Germany Further information
Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop 3 – 6 April 2020 Rydges, Auckland Further information
Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 4 – 5 April 2020 Rydges, Auckland Further information
ACCO Dermoscopy Workshop 26 - 27 April 2020 Melbourne, 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.

[Correlation between immune-related adverse events and outcomes in nivolumab/ipilimumab combination therapy for metastatic melanoma](#)

[Association of antibiotic exposure with overall survival and colitis in patients with stage III and IV melanoma receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors](#)

[Systemic Therapy for Mucosal, Acral, and Uveal Melanoma](#)

[Melanoma Prognosis—Accuracy of the American Joint Committee on Cancer Staging Manual Eighth Edition](#)

[Comparative effectiveness study of face-to-face and teledermatology workflows for diagnosing skin cancer](#)

[Australian College of Dermatologists release guideline for Sentinel Node Biopsy](#)

[Multiple Skin Lesions Diagnostics via Integrated Deep Convolutional Networks for Segmentation and Classification](#)

[Resistance of melanoma to immune checkpoint inhibitors overcome by targeting the sphingosine kinase-1](#)

[Sunscreen safe for humans and the environment](#)

[Hyperspectral imaging provides faster and more accurate skin cancer diagnosis](#)

[Genetically testing minors for melanoma improves family interactions about sun protection](#)

[Environmental components in skin cancer prevention interventions important](#)

[Anti-PD1 antibodies effective and well tolerated in older patients with advanced melanoma](#)



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