

MelNet update

17 August 2021

Melanoma Summit New Zealand 2021

10 - 12 September 2021 | Sir Owen G Glenn Building, University of Auckland | Auckland

The countdown is on! We are excited to welcome you soon to the 2021 New Zealand Melanoma Summit.

If you haven't registered yet, you still have a few days left to [register](#) at the standard rates. Standard registration closes on 22 August 2021.

The Summit [programme](#) features a diverse range of experts recognised internationally for their contribution to melanoma management. There will be engaging presentations, interactive panel discussions as well as workshops on prevention, diagnosis, treatment and research, as well as the opportunity to network with likeminded health professionals.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Travelling from outside Auckland? Let us help you.

There is still time to request support with travel costs if you live outside the Auckland region, thanks to the generosity of Auckland Unlimited.

See the [Summit website](#) for more information, or [email](#) us.

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Clinicians: please complete this short survey on the surgical management of melanoma in situ

If you are a health professional involved in the surgical management of melanoma in situ, we would appreciate you taking two minutes to please complete a short survey outlining your preferred clinical margins across five case examples.

The survey is aimed at gaining insight into how melanoma in situ is managed surgically in New Zealand and the spectrum of management strategies used. All responses are anonymous.

Thank you in advance for your input.

[Complete the survey](#)

Reminder MelNet AGM | 10 September 2021

The MelNet AGM will be held at the Sir Owen G Glenn Building, University of Auckland from 5.15 – 5.30pm on Friday 10 September 2021, immediately following day one of the 2021 New Zealand Melanoma Summit.

Members are invited to submit nominations for the Executive Committee in writing to the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) no later than 5.00 pm Friday 20 August 2021. These should include the nominee's name, a brief biography and the signatures of two members.

According to the MelNet rules, the Committee shall comprise at least eight and no more than ten members, with occupations that span the continuum. Members who will be serving the second year of their two-year term have experience in the areas of dermatology, oncology, research, nursing, general practice and pathology. Up to five additional members can be elected to the committee at the AGM. Preference will be given to those with surgical, health promotion and oncological expertise.

All members are also invited to submit any remits or other matters to be considered at the AGM to the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) no later than 5.00pm 20 August 2021.

Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ | An update

The Melanoma Working Group has met to consider feedback received through the consultation process. The document is now being finalised in preparation for launch at the 2021 New Zealand Melanoma Summit and release on the [MelNet website](#) in September.

Get Spotted: Melanoma Awareness Campaign | Get involved in Melanoma New Zealand's annual awareness campaign

20 September – 1 October 2021 (or another date that works for you)

Encourage your team, patients and community to have some fun while raising awareness of the importance of skin checks and early detection.

1. [Register your support](#)
2. Hold your 'Get Spotted' event or fundraiser. You could dress up or decorate your practice in spots, run a special skin check offer in support of the cause, or any other support you can offer that helps spread awareness.

To raise even more awareness, follow Melanoma New Zealand on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and/or [LinkedIn](#) and share their Get Spotted content. You can also upload photos or videos of your "Get Spotted" activities to your social channels - don't forget to tag @Melanoma New Zealand with the hashtags #GetSpotted #CheckYourSkin

Thank you for your support.



In the news: Better sun protection for rowers recommended

High school rowing uniforms should include sun protective headwear and sunglasses to better shield rowers from the harmful effects of the sun, a University of Otago study recommends.

Master's student Linda Buxton's study of young rowers at Lake Ruataniwha found they could be exposed to dangerous levels of solar radiation during regattas.

MeiNet member Ms Buxton has worked for the Cancer Society in skin cancer prevention for the past 10 years and led the study for her master's with the Social and Behavioural Research Unit in the University of Otago's Department of Preventive and Social Medicine. The paper has been published in the Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology B: Biology.

[Read the full article](#)

RCPA Podcast: Melanoma with Professor Richard Scolyer

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) presents The Pathologists Cut podcast. In their third episode, RCPA President Dr Michael Dray discusses melanoma with RCPA Fellow Professor Richard Scolyer, Co-director at The Melanoma Institute of Australia.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

Upcoming opportunities and events



The conference program includes a range of international and national speakers with virtual and in-person speakership sessions, clinical and scientific poster and oral presentations, and networking opportunities for collaborative research.

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

Other upcoming opportunities and events

September / October

31st Queenstown Molecular Biology Meeting

1 - 2 September 2021

Queenstown

[Further information](#)

Certificate of Dermoscopy

3 September 2021 (running over 3 weeks)

Online

[Further information](#)

EUROSKIN 5th International UV and Skin Cancer Prevention Conference

7 – 9 September 2021

Virtual conference

[Further information](#)

The Goodfellow Unit Primary Care Update

11 September 2021

Webinar

[Further information](#)

Professional Certificate of Clinical Dermatology

12 September 2021

Auckland

[Further information](#)

European Society for Medical Oncology Congress: ESMO 2021

16 – 21 September 2021

Virtual event

[Further information](#)

Certificate of Dermoscopy

22 October 2021 (running over 3 weeks)

Online

[Further information](#)

18th International Congress of the Society for Melanoma Research

28 – 31 October 2021

New Orleans, USA - Hybrid congress

[Further information](#)

November

Global Advances and Controversies in Skin Cancer (GAC-SC) 2021

5 - 6 November 2021

Brisbane / Hybrid

[Further information](#)

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery

Online and optional workshop in Adelaide on

6/7 November 2021

[Further information](#)

XIII International Congress of Dermatology, 2021

10 – 13 November 2021

Virtual Congress

[Further information](#)

SITC 2021

10 – 14 November 2021

Washington D.C., USA and virtual

[Further information](#)

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery

Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery

Online and optional workshop in Perth on 13/14

November 2021

[Further information](#)

Clinical Oncology Society of Australia 48th Annual Scientific Meeting

16 - 18 November 2021

Melbourne, Australia

[Further information](#)

Australasian Melanoma Conference 2021

19 – 20 November 2021

Sydney, Australia

[Further information](#)

Evolutionary Melanoma Conference

19 – 20 November 2021

Limassol, Cyprus

[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.

[Sentinel node biopsies should be reassessed by expert melanoma pathologist when adjuvant treatment is considered](#)

[AJCC eighth edition metastatic category poorly reflective of prognosis in patients treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors](#)

[Nomograms to predict local, regional and distant recurrence in patients with thin \(T1\) melanomas](#)

[Merkel cell carcinoma: Combination of local excision clinical margins larger than 1.0 cm and adjuvant radiotherapy associated with highest overall survival](#)

[Differences between mutation profile of acral nevi and acral melanoma](#)

[Survival outcomes following discontinuation of ipilimumab and nivolumab for advanced melanoma](#)

[Panel of exosomal proteins for early detection of uveal melanoma progression into metastatic disease](#)

[Integrating patient data into skin cancer classification using convolutional neural networks: systematic review](#)

[Early melanoma invasivity correlates with gut fungal and bacterial profiles](#)



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