



MelNet update

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Melanoma Summit

New Zealand 2021

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

An in-person event, the sixth national Melanoma Summit is your chance to discuss latest developments in melanoma management, identify priorities for action for New Zealand and connect with other melanoma professionals across the country. We are also aiming to use the Summit to formally launch the long awaited 'Quality Statements for Melanoma Care in New Zealand' (formerly "Standards of Service Provision for Melanoma Patients in New Zealand").

More details, including how to register, will be released in the first week of May.

Auckland Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses | Registration closing soon

Friday 7 May 2021
Clinical Education Centre
Auckland City Hospital

For primary and secondary care nurses and nursing students, this study day will discuss skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care, helping you to better understand the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse throughout this journey. The cost of attending is \$75.00.

Registration closes on 2 May and there are only a few spaces left, so be sure to [register now](#) to avoid missing out.

[See the programme](#) [More information](#)

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Interested in learning more about dermatoscopy? Skin Cancer Symposiums are generously offering study day registrants \$100 off their Certificate of Fundamental Dermatoscopy online course. [Find out more about the course](#) or [contact us](#) for more information.

Sunscreen Bill | Passes first reading in parliament; Two more sunscreens fail SPF claims

The Sunscreen (Product Safety Standard) Bill has passed its first reading in Parliament. The Bill would make NZS 2604:2012 or any New Zealand Standard substituted for that standard mandatory.

Support was received from all Parties. However, Government noted that regulation of sunscreen products is also being progressed under the Therapeutics Products Bill which is anticipated to be introduced to the House later this year.

Consumer NZ's latest sunscreen test results have shown two more products have failed to meet their SPF claims, reinforcing the importance of this legislation. MelNet has and will continue to express its support of legislation that helps to ensure sunscreens are effective in reducing UV damage.

The Bill will now progress to Select Committee and will have to pass two further readings in House before it becomes law. Written submissions can be made until 26 May 2021.

[More information on the Bill, its progress and videos of the first reading](#)

[Make a submission](#)

[Consumer NZ's latest test results](#)

Interesting read | Effectiveness of Sun Protection Interventions Delivered to Adolescents in a Secondary School Setting: A Systematic Review

This systematic review, recently published in the Journal of Skin Cancer, identifies two potentially promising sun protection interventions for testing among the challenging secondary school age population. It also reinforces earlier studies, drawing conclusions about the ineffectiveness of simplistic, didactic health education in the classroom.

[Read the review article](#)

Recent releases from the Melanoma Institute of Australia

Podcast: "Management of SCC and BCC "

Listen to a multidisciplinary panel discuss the pathology of SCCs and BCCs, when a GP should refer their patient, the role of surgery, when radiotherapy is indicated, and how systemic therapy can play a role in advanced disease.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

Presentation: Update on Merkel cell carcinoma pathology

In this presentation, Pathologist Prof Scolyer discusses the pathogenesis, subtypes and pathological features of Merkel cell carcinoma. He also discusses the reclassification of Merkel cell carcinoma in the latest WHO Classification of Skin Tumours.

[View the presentation](#)

Upcoming opportunities and events



Queenstown Research Week 30 August – 2 September 2021 Rydges Hotel, Queenstown

This in-person event features a superb line up of meetings. Each meeting is led by a team of New Zealand's leading researchers.

Registration will open in late April/early May.

[More information](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

May	June
<p>ICMDD 2021: 15th International Conference on Melanoma Diagnosis and Dermatology 3 – 4 May 2021 Online Further information</p> <p>Royal Australasian College of Surgeons 2021 Annual Scientific Congress 10 – 14 May 2021 Hybrid (Melbourne, Australia and online) Further information</p> <p>Melanoma Focus Virtual Regional Meeting 2021 14 May 2021 Online 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 Online and optional workshop in Perth on 15/16 May 2021 Further information</p> <p>Australasian Skin Cancer Congress 28 – 30 May 2021 Gold Coast, Australia (Hybrid event) Further information</p>	<p>2021 ASCO Annual Meeting 4 – 8 June 2021 Online Further information</p> <p>Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online 4 June - 16 July 2021 Online Further information</p> <p>22nd World Dermatology Congress 21 – 22 June 2021 Webinar Further information</p> <p>For more events see the MelNet events calendar</p>

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.

[Targeting tumor-derived NLRP3 reduces melanoma progression](#)

[Predicting disease spread in thin melanoma](#)

[Outcome of melanoma patients with elevated LDH treated with first-line targeted therapy or PD-1-based immune checkpoint inhibition](#)

[Response to neoadjuvant therapy is concordant in the primary site and nodal melanoma, indicating that there may be no need to perform upfront surgery to these melanoma lesions prior to neoadjuvant treatment](#)

[Efficiency of detecting new primary melanoma among individuals treated in a high-risk clinic for skin surveillance](#)

[Review of latest updates for melanoma staging, surgical resection, radiotherapy and systemic therapies](#)

[Review of latest clinical trial data, current adjuvant treatment landscape and its application to clinical practice, expected future progress for management of early stage melanoma](#)

[Design and implementation approaches for virtual reality game to change sun protection behaviours](#)

[Impact of shave biopsy on diagnosis and management of cutaneous melanoma](#)

[Participation in longitudinal surveillance programme associated with thinner melanomas for members of melanoma-prone families](#)



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