



MelNet update

20 December 2021

Thank you

for your support and commitment during another challenging year.

MelNet will be taking a break from 24 December to 10 January.

We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday season and look forward to your ongoing involvement in our organisation next year.



12 - 13 February 2022 | Now going virtual

Even though Auckland is set to change to an “orange light” setting soon, there is still considerable uncertainty around in-person events early next year. Therefore the MelNet Executive Committee have made the difficult decision to run the 2022 New Zealand Melanoma Summit as a virtual conference. This provides certainty for our delegates, speakers and sponsors while still offering the same high-quality content as an in-person event.

You will now be able to view the presentations from the comfort of your home, and our virtual platform will offer plenty of networking opportunities.

Don't miss the chance to join like-minded health professionals who are passionate about reducing the incidence and impact of melanoma in New Zealand. Examine and discuss recent developments in melanoma management, identify priorities for action for New Zealand and be part of the formal launch of the '*Quality Statements for Melanoma Care in New Zealand*'.

We look forward to seeing you there!

We are currently working through the finer details of the virtual Summit and will provide you with more information in the new year.

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A snapshot of MelNet's year | Celebrating our achievements

- Many MelNet members have been heavily involved in finalising the '*Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in New Zealand*'. The completion of this important piece of work is a significant achievement for MelNet, who have been advocating vigorously for the implementation of melanoma standards since 2011.
- In collaboration with Cancer Nurse Coordinators, we held a Skin Cancer Study Day for over 100 nurses in the Auckland region. This event continues to grow each year, and feedback was once again overwhelmingly positive.
- Just a few weeks before the 2021 New Zealand Melanoma Summit was scheduled to take place in September we had to postpone it due to the COVID-19 Delta outbreak. We look forward to the postponed Summit in February.
- We have made submissions recommending:
 - the introduction of mandatory regulations and safety standards for sunscreen products
 - funding Pembrolizumab for patients with Stage III surgically resected melanoma
 - improved funding and resources for pathology services to help ensure the reporting of cancer results meet recommended turnaround times.



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