



# MelNet update

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## Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to working with you in 2021 to continue to reduce the impact and incidence of melanoma in New Zealand.

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## Auckland Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses | Save the date

If you are a primary or secondary care nurse or a nursing student in the Auckland area, remember to save this date. The Auckland Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses is scheduled to take place on **7 May 2021** at the Clinical Education Centre at Auckland Hospital.

The course will provide an overview of skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care, with a focus on melanoma. Participants should gain an increased understanding of the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse throughout this journey.

More details will follow soon.

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## Cancer Society position statement | Skin Cancer Screening and Early Detection

The Cancer Society has released a new 'Skin Cancer Screening and Early Detection' position statement.

[Read the position statement](#)

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## Auckland Medical Research Foundation | Call for applications for Project Grants

The Auckland Medical Research Foundation is calling for applications for Project Grants to support medical research projects for up to two years duration and a maximum of \$160,000. In addition to their usual funding in all areas of medical and health research, specific funds are potentially available for research into melanoma.

Applications must be made through the [AMRF portal](#) and received by **5.00 pm, 3 March 2021**.

[More information on how to apply](#)

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## Looking to upskill in 2021? | Dermatoscopy and skin lesion training for primary healthcare practitioners

### Attend a training course

Online and in-person courses are listed on the [Skin Cancer Education for Primary Care Practitioners](#) section of the MelNet website.

### Access free online resources

Complete the [Common Skin Lesions](#) or [Dermatoscopy course](#), [take a quiz](#) or read up on skin cancer on [DermNet](#).

Complete an accredited learning module, watch a podcast, webinar or video, or challenge yourself with a dermatoscopy quiz on Melanoma Institute of Australia's [Melanoma Education Portal](#). Access is free. [Register here](#)

Check out case discussions, webinars and podcasts on [HealthCert Education's blog](#).

Watch the MelNet [Managing Skin Cancer in Primary Care webinar](#).

Use [Melanoma Risk Calculators](#) to aid your discussions with patients.

Other useful links and resources can be found in the [resources](#) and [Tools for Skin Lesion Diagnosis](#) sections of the MelNet website.

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## Upcoming opportunities and events

February	March
<p><b>Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online</b> 5 February - 19 March 2021 Online <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>17th Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies</b> 6 February 2021 Online <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> Online and optional workshop in Adelaide on 20/21 February 2021 <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> <b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> <b>Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> Online and optional workshop in Sydney on 26/27/28 February 2021 <a href="#">Further information</a></p>	<p><b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> <b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> <b>Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> Online and optional workshop in Brisbane on 12/13/14 March 2021 <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>Sun Exposure Summit</b> 15 - 16 March 2021 Hybrid (Brisbane, Australia and webinar) <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> <b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> <b>Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> Online and optional workshop in Melbourne on 19/20/21 March 2021 <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>New Zealand Association of General Surgeons (NZAGS) Annual Conference</b> 27- 28 March 2021 New Plymouth <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>Good Fellow Symposium 2021</b> 27 - 28 March 2021 Online <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>For more events see the <a href="#">MelNet events calendar</a></b></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.

[Exploring the potential of disulfiram in melanoma therapy](#)

[Meta-analysis of the gut microbiota in predicting response to cancer immunotherapy in metastatic melanoma](#)

[Mole scanning service available within community pharmacies helps to identify diagnoses of malignant melanoma](#)

[Combined MAPK inhibition and anti-PD-L1 therapy may provide treatment options for advanced melanoma](#)

[Study to support use of pembrolizumab for treatment of recurrent and/or metastatic cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma](#)

[Risk factors for the development of a second melanoma in patients with cutaneous melanoma](#)

[ARID2 deficiency correlates with the response to immune checkpoint blockade in melanoma](#)

[Changes in circulating tumour DNA can serve as early indicator of outcomes in metastatic melanoma patients treated with systemic therapies](#)

[Prevention of actinic keratoses by repetitive daylight photodynamic therapy could not be proven in recent study](#)

[Usefulness of ultrasonography in determining the surgical excision margin in non-melanocytic skin cancer](#)

[Support of total body skin examination for urgent skin cancer referrals](#)

[Major role of specialised primary care practice in Australia in detection and treatment of early primary melanoma](#)



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