

MelNet update

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Melanoma Summit New Zealand 2022

11 - 13 February 2022 | Sir Owen G Glenn Building, University of Auckland | Auckland

We realise that you may be hesitant to register for the Summit while the COVID-19 Delta outbreak is ongoing in our community. Rest assured that we are closely monitoring the situation and contingency planning is in place.

Should an in-person event not be possible, the Summit will be converted to a virtual conference. The virtual Summit would be held on the same dates and cover a similar programme.

With this in mind we encourage you to [register](#) for the Summit. Visit the conference website for [more information](#).

Travelling from outside Auckland? Let us help you.

Thanks to the generosity of Auckland Unlimited we can subsidise your travel and accommodation costs if you are travelling from outside Auckland to attend the Summit. Please refer to the [Summit website](#) for more details or [contact us](#).

Thank you to our generous sponsors

A big thank you to [La Roche Posay](#) for increasing their support to Gold and Keynote sponsorship!



MelNet position vacancy

The MelNet Chief Executive, Katrina Patterson, has advised the MelNet Executive Committee of her intention to step down from her role at the end of December 2021.

The MelNet Committee is seeking expressions of interest from those who might like to apply. If you are interested in the position or know someone who might be, please contact the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) as soon as possible for further information, including a job description.

Skin cancer prevention in Aotearoa New Zealand | Recent publications by Dr Bronwen McNoe

MelNet's new Executive Committee member Dr Bronwen McNoe has recently published an interesting paper about the need for improvement in skin cancer control in New Zealand. '[Prevention is better than a cure: we can do better in skin cancer control in New Zealand!](#)' outlines a set of recommendations to help reduce UVR exposure in New Zealand.

Bronwen is also the co-author of another recent paper. '[Generating political priority for skin cancer primary prevention: A case study from Aotearoa New Zealand](#)' describes strategies that could help raise the political profile for skin cancer prevention in New Zealand.

Furthermore, Bronwen has issued a [call to action](#) to all New Zealanders to step up and take sun safety seriously.

Skin Cancer College Australasia's dermoscopy scholarship for NZ nurses | The lucky winner is...

Skin Cancer College Australasia (SCCA) is pleased to announce the recipient of the New Zealand Online Certificate of Dermoscopy Scholarship is nurse Michelle Collins.

Michelle has a special interest in skin cancer prevention, screening and treatment and is eager to upskill in dermoscopy to provide better detection and care for patients.

SCCA is pleased to support New Zealand nurses in skin cancer diagnosis and treatment and will be offering this scholarship again in 2022.

Early Stage Melanoma: Your Questions Answered | Video

The Melanoma Institute Australia recently produced a video for newly diagnosed early stage patients and their carers. Featuring Georgina Long AO (Medical Oncologist) and Dr Tom Pennington (Surgical Oncologist), it covers commonly asked questions from patients.

[Watch the video](#) and share it with your newly diagnosed Stage I and II patients.

Upcoming opportunities and events

2022 MelNet Events Calendar now online

Visit the [events section](#) on the MelNet website to find out about events in 2022 you may be interested in.

We try to monitor worldwide events that could be of interest for our members. It's worthwhile checking the events calendar regularly for any updates.

Remember to also check out [Skin Cancer Education for Primary Care Practitioners](#) which lists events relevant to those working in primary care, such as dermatoscopy and surgical skills training courses.

Please [contact us](#) if you would like us to list an event.

Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Would you like to feel more confident in diagnosing and treating skin lesions? [Skin Cancer College Australasia](#) will be hosting a face-to-face, hands-on practical session Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine in Christchurch on 26 and 27 February 2022. [Register now.](#)



The 2022 programme for Auckland's primary care CPD event is under development, packed with Skills for Next Monday. This event is developed for GPs, urgent care physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and registrars.

[Registration](#) is now open. [Find out more](#) and check out the [programme](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

January	February
<p>10th European School of Dermato-Oncology 14 – 15 January 2022 Virtual Find out more</p> <p>Melanoma 2022: 32nd Annual Cutaneous Malignancy Update 22 – 23 January 2022 Hybrid Conference: San Diego, USA and Virtual Find out more</p>	<p>Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online 4 February – 18 March 2022 Online Find out more</p> <p>18th Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies 5 February 2022 Hybrid Conference: New York, USA and Virtual Find out more</p> <p>Professional Certificate of Clinical Dermatology 11 February 2022 Auckland Find out more</p> <p>Certificate of Advanced Dermatology 19 – 20 February 2022 Auckland Find out more</p> <p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine 26 – 27 February 2022 Brisbane, Australia Find out more</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.

[Proportion of incomplete excisions of nonmelanoma skin cancer higher than previously reported](#)

[Basal cell carcinoma and dermal nevi of the face: comparison of localization and dermatoscopic features](#)

[Real-life data for first-line combination immune-checkpoint inhibition and targeted therapy in patients with melanoma brain metastases](#)

[Bacteroides vulgatus and Bacteroides dorei predict immune-related adverse events in immune checkpoint blockade treatment of metastatic melanoma](#)

[Significant positive impact of digital intervention to promote skin self-examination among individuals at increased risk for melanoma](#)

[Performance of artificial intelligence models in detecting dermatological manifestations in higher Fitzpatrick skin color classifications](#)

[Phenylene Bis-Diphenyltriazine \(TriAsorB\), a new sunfilter protecting the skin against both UVB + UVA and blue light radiations](#)

[Zinc oxide-induced changes to sunscreen ingredient efficacy and toxicity under UV irradiation](#)

[Sentinel lymph node biopsy a useful tool in predicting development of distant metastasis after head and neck melanoma resection with curative intent](#)

[Melanoma sentinel lymph node biopsy and completion lymph node dissection: A regional hospital experience \(BOPDHB\)](#)

[Head and neck melanoma patients show higher mortality compared to melanoma of other regions; higher risk of mortality for scalp and neck during first 3.5 years of follow-up](#)

[Refresher training sessions may be needed for GPs to maintain competences after training in melanoma diagnosis](#)

[Risks and benefits of reinduction ipilimumab/nivolumab in melanoma patients previously treated with ipilimumab/nivolumab](#)



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