

MelNet update

20 October 2021



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

Join us for the 2022 New Zealand Melanoma Summit on 11 - 13 February 2022.

A revised programme has been uploaded to the [Summit website](#). An earlier finish allows those travelling to return home at the conclusion of the event.

We are closely monitoring the situation around COVID. If an in-person event cannot be held in February, the Summit will be converted to a virtual conference with a modified programme.

[Register now](#)

Travelling from outside Auckland? Let us help you.

If you are travelling to Auckland to attend the Summit, we invite you to submit a request for travel support. Please refer to the [Summit website](#) for more details.

Remember that any travel support requests already submitted for the postponed Summit will need to be [re-sent](#).

Please refer to the [accommodation section](#) of the Summit website for details about special hotel rates at the Cordis Auckland and Copthorne Hotel Auckland City.

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Regional Anatomical Pathology Service Design | Northern Regional Alliance review of pathology services

Northern Regional Alliance are undertaking a review of the Anatomical Pathology service, with the aim of designing and implementing a new pathology service model across the northern region.

MelNet has been advocating for some time for improved funding and resources for pathology services nationwide, but particularly at Auckland District Health Board, to help ensure reporting of cancer results meet recommended turnaround times.

We invite members in the Northern Region to provide feedback on the current service. Feedback can be sent by email directly to the [Northern Regional Alliance](#) or via [MelNet](#).

More details can be found in this [letter](#).

Skin Cancer College Australasia's dermoscopy scholarship for NZ nurses | Applications closing soon

The Skin Cancer College Australasia (SCCA) is offering a scholarship to New Zealand nurses wanting to expand their skills in dermoscopy. The successful applicant will be invited to attend the [online Certificate of Dermoscopy](#) in either February or March 2022.

To apply for the scholarship, please submit your application **by 31 October 2021** via [email](#).

[Download the application form](#)

Sunscreen (Product Safety Standard) Bill passed Select Committee | Mandating a safety standard for sunscreen products

Health Select Committee have recommended [the Sunscreen \(Product Safety Standard\) Bill](#) be passed with several amendments. The Bill has now been returned to the House for its second reading.

[Read the Health Select Committee report](#)

[More information about the Bill](#)

Genetic and genomic pathways of melanoma development, invasion and metastasis | Research

This recent study by Michael Eccles and Jyoti Motwani reviews mutational, transcriptional, and epigenomic alterations that contribute to tumour heterogeneity in melanoma, and their potential to drive melanoma invasion and metastasis.

Professor Michael Eccles is a past long serving MelNet Executive Committee member. He is also a speaker at the virtual [Australasian Melanoma Conference 2021](#) in November (see events section below for more details).

[Read the article](#)

Map your skin cancer medicine journey in 2022 | Free webinar

Are you wondering where to start with your skin cancer medicine education? Or are you considering advancing your skills further but unsure which direction to take or exactly how to do that?

The [Skin Cancer College Australasia](#) is hosting an interactive panel webinar on [Your Future in Skin Cancer Medicine - Live Q&A](#).

Date: Wednesday 27 October 2021

Time: 9.30pm - 10.30pm (NZDT)

[Register now](#)

Wound management in melanoma | Free webinar for nurses

Melanoma Institute Australia is hosting a new webinar series for nurses. In the first webinar, Shahn Coburn (Cancer Nurse Coordinator) will address the management of wound care in melanoma, including primary closures, skin grafts, dissection sites and fungating tumours.

Date: Tuesday 26 October 2021

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm (NZDT)

[Register now](#)

Screening for skin cancer and the crisis in cancer treatment capacity | Cancer Society recorded webinar

In this webinar hosted by Cancer Society, Professor David Whiteman outlines the latest thinking on the pros and cons of routine checks for skin cancer. Chris Jackson talks about progress in cancer treatment in New Zealand.

[Watch the webinar recording](#)



Upcoming opportunities and events

A promotional graphic for the Australasian Melanoma Conference 2021. The graphic features a colorful geometric design on the left and a cityscape of Sydney at sunset on the right. Text includes: 'AMC 2021 Australasian Melanoma Conference', 'SYDNEY - NOW VIRTUAL 19-20 NOVEMBER', 'Discover exciting advancements in melanoma treatment', 'REGISTER NOW', 'melanoma2021.com.au', 'Hosted by PROMISING FUTURES', and 'Melanoma Institute Australia'.

Join the [virtual Australasian Melanoma Conference 2021](#) (19-20 November) from the comfort of your home. Hosted by Melanoma Institute Australia, the conference programme will cover melanoma across all stages of the disease spectrum and feature experts from across the globe.

Be sure to tune in on Friday 19 November to support Professor Michael Eccles (Researcher, Department of Pathology, University of Otago and Maurice Wilkins Centre for Molecular Biodiscovery, Auckland) who will be presenting on epigenomic and transcriptomic analysis of responding and non-responding melanomas to anti PD1 therapy.

A promotional graphic for the Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting 2021. The graphic features a close-up of a person's face wearing safety goggles. Text includes: 'Melanoma and Skin Cancer Trials Limited', 'Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting 2021', and 'Thursday, 18 November'.

This virtual [Annual Scientific Meeting](#) will bring together leading figures in clinical trials to share ideas and foster innovative research. The programme will feature presentations on research coordinated by MASC Trials and new opportunities for collaboration.

GLOBAL ADVANCES AND CONTROVERSIES IN SKIN CANCER 2021

5-6 November
Brisbane Convention &
Exhibition Centre

[Global Advances and Controversies in Skin Cancer \(GAC-SC\) 2021](#) will be held on Friday 5 & Saturday 6 November at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre in hybrid format, in person, and also online. The event will also be available online for up to three months.

Focussing on keratinocyte cancers, it includes sessions on prevention, detection, immune therapies, field treatments, genetics, and rare cancers of the skin.

Other upcoming opportunities and events

November

**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](#)

**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**
Virtual Meeting
[Further information](#)

**Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine
20 – 21 November 2021**
Auckland
[Further information](#)

December

**Queenstown Research Week
6 - 9 December 2021**
Queenstown
[Further information](#)

**31st Queenstown Molecular Biology Meeting
8 - 9 December 2021**
Queenstown
[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.

[Clinicopathological and body site differences between de novo melanoma and naevus-associated melanoma support divergent pathway model of development](#)

[Delayed immune-related adverse events with anti-PD-1-based immunotherapy in melanoma](#)

[Screening for skin cancer and the crisis in cancer treatment capacity - Cancer Society webinar recording](#)

[Pembrolizumab plus low-dose ipilimumab after anti-PD-1/L1 immunotherapy failure](#)

[Brisk tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes an independent prognostic factor among patients with primary cutaneous melanoma](#)

[Tumor cell intrinsic TLR4 signaling promotes melanoma progression and metastatic dissemination](#)

[Regression in melanoma is significantly associated with a lower regional recurrence rate and better recurrence-free survival](#)

[Incorporating decision simulation technology in a skin cancer prevention e-training for massage therapists](#)

[Immune checkpoint inhibitors in melanoma](#)

[Review: Current knowledge of molecular pathways and therapeutic targets in melanoma](#)

[“Repeatability of Repeatability”: the stability of self-reported melanoma risk factors in two independent samples](#)

[Immunotherapy emerging as standard of care for several advanced cutaneous carcinomas not amenable to surgery and radiation](#)



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