



MelNet update

20 September 2021



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

Due to the recent COVID Delta outbreak, the 2021 New Zealand Melanoma Summit could not be held as an in-person event this September. The Summit will now take place on 12 - 13 February 2022, with the optional pre-Summit workshop 'Professional Certificate of Clinical Dermatoscopy', hosted by Skin Cancer Symposiums, on Friday 11 February 2022.

Summit programme

We are working on a revised programme which will be uploaded to the [Summit website](#) shortly. We anticipate a finish time of 4.00pm at the latest to allow those travelling to return home at the conclusion of the event.

If an in-person event cannot be held in February, the Summit will be converted to a virtual conference with a modified programme.

Not yet registered?

Visit the Summit website to [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.

Any travel support requests already submitted will need to be [re-sent](#) given that supporting documentation will no longer be valid.

We encourage you to book accommodation early due to February being peak season. 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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Introducing the 2022 MelNet Executive Committee

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Bronwen McNoe who has joined the MelNet Executive Committee.

Megan Chapman has retired from the Committee. We thank her for the contribution she made to the organisation during the time she served.

You can find out more about MelNet's 2022 Executive Committee [here](#).

Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ | An update

The Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in New Zealand were intended to be launched at the New Zealand Melanoma Summit in September. These will now be officially launched at the 2022 Summit, with a 'soft launch' to the [MelNet website](#) later this year.

We will keep you informed of the progress.

Review: Contemporary management of locoregionally advanced melanoma | By MelNet Executive Committee member Dr Richard Martin et al.

Dr Richard Martin is a co-author of a recently published review which considers the impact of an update to the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging system, the role of sentinel node biopsy for patients with high-risk primary melanoma and recent advances in adjuvant systemic therapies for high-risk patients.

Richard is a Surgical Oncologist at the New Zealand Melanoma Unit at Waitemata District Health Board and is the Chair of the Melanoma Quality Statements Working Group. He has served on the MelNet Executive Committee for many years and we are incredibly grateful for Richard's tireless efforts and contribution.

[Read the review](#)

Get Spotted: Melanoma Awareness Campaign | 20 September – 1 October 2021

Raise awareness of the importance of skin checks and early detection by [holding a 'Get Spotted' event or fundraiser](#).

You could dress up or decorate your practice in spots, run a special skin check offer in support of the cause, or any other support you can offer that helps spread awareness.



COVID Delta outbreak | Kia kaha Tāmaki Makaurau

We would like to acknowledge and thank Aucklanders for the heavy burden they have been carrying for the rest of New Zealand to get us through the recent COVID Delta outbreak.

Thank you also to our health workforce. The huge collective effort they have put in to keeping our community tested, vaccinated and safe is greatly appreciated.

New learning module from Melanoma Institute Australia: The current role of sentinel node biopsy in the management of melanoma

This accredited, interactive online learning module is designed to help surgeons, oncologists, dermatologists and GPs understand the current role of sentinel node biopsy in the management of melanoma. The 1-hour module includes an overview of the procedure, expert interviews, outlines practice today, reviews a case study and more. This module is the first stage of the Sentinel Node Biopsy Training Program, a comprehensive training course designed to upskill surgeons on sentinel node biopsy in melanoma.

[View the learning module](#) on MIA's education portal (free log in required)



Upcoming opportunities and events



Hosted by the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) and Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD), over 3,000 people from all over the world are expected to attend ICD 2021. The Congress programme features a 24-hour rolling dermathon. Dermatologists from across the world can watch presentations and participate in their timezones and be connected to audiences globally in real-time.

[More information](#) | [Programme](#) | [Register](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

October	November / December
<p>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery Online and optional workshop in Melbourne on 16/17 October 2021 Further information</p> <p>Certificate of Dermoscopy 22 October 2021 (running over 3 weeks) Online Further information</p> <p>New Zealand Society for Oncology (NZSO) Conference 28 - 30 October 2021 Rotorua Further information</p> <p>18th International Congress of the Society for Melanoma Research 28 – 31 October 2021 New Orleans, USA - Hybrid congress Further information</p>	<p>Global Advances and Controversies in Skin Cancer (GAC-SC) 2021 5 - 6 November 2021 Brisbane / Hybrid Further information</p> <p>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</p> <p>SITC 2021 10 – 14 November 2021 Washington D.C., USA and virtual Further information</p> <p>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</p>

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine
Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine
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Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery
Online and optional workshop in Sydney on 30/31
October 2021
[Further information](#)

**Clinical Oncology Society of Australia 48th Annual
Scientific Meeting**
16 - 18 November 2021
Virtual Meeting
[Further information](#)

Australasian Melanoma Conference 2021
19 – 20 November 2021
Virtual Meeting
[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.

[Australian Melanoma Treatment Guidelines 2021 by Professor David Wilkinson](#)

[Histological regression in melanoma: impact on sentinel lymph node status and survival](#)

[Melphalan locoregional chemotherapy a safe and effective profile in advanced wild-type BRAF melanoma patients](#)

[Risk factors for melanoma by anatomical site: an evaluation of aetiological heterogeneity](#)

[Acquired resistance to anti-MAPK targeted therapy confers an immune-evasive tumor microenvironment and cross-resistance to immunotherapy in melanoma](#)

[Analysis of interplay between nevi and melanoma predisposition in familial context: Distinction between nevi-related and nevi-resistant familial melanoma](#)

[Regular text messaging interventions result in significantly increased sun protection and decreased sunburn in young adults](#)

[Exploiting MC1R in skin cancer risk and prevention](#)

[Neoantigen presentation score \(NEOPS\) a strong biomarker for prediction of immunotherapy response in melanoma](#)

[Personalized genomic risk information did not influence sun exposure patterns but did improve some skin cancer prevention and early detection behaviors](#)

[Barriers to engagement with apps to support skin self-monitoring in patients at increased risk of melanoma](#)

[Dermoscopic criteria, histopathological correlates and genetic findings of thin melanoma on non-volar skin](#)



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