



MelNet update

21 June 2021



Melanoma Summit

New Zealand 2021

10 - 12 September 2021 | Sir Owen G Glenn Building, University of Auckland | Auckland

Early bird registration closes Wednesday 30 June

Join us at the sixth New Zealand Melanoma Summit and be part of the launch of the Quality Statements for Melanoma Care in New Zealand (formerly Standards of Service Provision for Melanoma Patients in New Zealand). Together we will examine and discuss recent developments in melanoma management and identify priorities for action for New Zealand.

International keynote speakers include:

- *Professor David Whiteman*, Senior Scientist and Deputy Director, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, Queensland, Australia
- *Professor Cliff Rosendahl*, Course Coordinator of Master of Medicine (Skin Cancer) Programme, University of Queensland, Australia
- *Professor Grant McArthur*, Head Molecular Oncology Laboratory, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Executive Director, Victoria Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Melbourne, Australia
- *Dr Mark Faries*, Surgical Oncologist, The Angeles Clinic and Research Institute, Los Angeles, USA
- *Dr Inês Pires da Silva*, Medical Oncologist and Researcher Scientist at Melanoma Institute Australia, Westmead and Blacktown Hospitals, and The University of Sydney

Check out the full draft programme on the [2021 Summit website](#).

An optional [Certificate of Fundamental Dermatoscopy](#) course, hosted by Skin Cancer Symposiums, will be held on Sunday 12 September.

Don't miss out on the early bird rate - [register now](#).

Abstract submission closes Wednesday 30 June

MelNet members are invited to submit abstracts on innovative initiatives, research projects and models of best practice for melanoma prevention, diagnosis, treatment or care in New Zealand. There are only a few days left – don't delay and [submit your abstract](#) now.

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Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ | We want your feedback

MelNet is seeking feedback on the draft quality statements for melanoma diagnosis and treatment in New Zealand from those with an interest in melanoma care.

Please [submit feedback](#) in writing by 9.00 am Monday 19 July 2021.

[Download Quality Statements \(PDF version\)](#)

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Further information is available on the [MelNet website](#).

Thank you for your support

Following our recent advisory on the loss of MelNet's funding from the Health Promotion Agency, we have received some great ideas for future funding sources from members and lovely messages of support.

It is reassuring to know that you find value in our work and we are grateful for your ongoing support. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress in identifying a new revenue stream.

In the interim, if you, your colleagues or any of the patients you treat would like to make a donation to MelNet, you can do so through our [Givealittle page](#).

Tips and tricks | Online lectures by Associate Professor Andreas Blum

Recurrent melanocytic naevus vs melanoma

Associate Professor Andreas Blum provides an overview of how the history, clinical features and dermoscopy of a lesion can help differentiate between a recurrent melanocytic naevus and a recurrent melanoma.

[Watch on HealthCert Blog](#)

Collision lesions and tumours of the skin

In this online lecture he explores the findings of his recent research into collision lesions and tumours of the skin.

[Watch on HealthCert Blog](#)

Upcoming opportunities and events



8 – 9 July 2021 | Virtual event

[Register here](#)

[More information](#)

Skin Cancer Symposiums: Certificate of Advanced Dermatoscopy

14 – 15 August 2021 | University of Auckland, Auckland

Sign up by 14 July and receive a complimentary package valued at \$1121.

[More information](#)

AU\$300 credit towards HealthCert Courses

Use the special code EOFY21 by 30 June to save AU\$300 on any HealthCert certificate or professional diploma course. Face-to-face and online courses are available.

[Browse courses](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

July and August	September
<p>RCPA Pathology Update 2021 2 – 4 July 2021 Sydney, Australia Further information</p>	<p>31st Queenstown Molecular Biology Meeting 1 - 2 September 2021 Queenstown 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 Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery Online and optional workshop in Brisbane on 14/15 August 2021 Further information</p>	<p>EUROSKIN 5th International UV and Skin Cancer Prevention Conference 7 – 9 September 2021 Virtual conference Further information</p>
<p>New Zealand Dermatological Society (NZDSI) 2021 Annual Conference 18 – 21 August 2021 Queenstown Further information</p>	<p>2021 New Zealand Melanoma Summit 10 - 12 September 2021 Auckland Further information</p>
<p>New Zealand Dermatology Nurses' (NZDNS) Society conference 19 - 20 August 2021 Queenstown Further information</p>	<p>Certificate of Fundamental Dermatoscopy 12 September 2021 Auckland Further information</p>
<p>GP CME South 19 - 22 August 2021 Christchurch Further information</p>	<p>European Society for Medical Oncology Congress: ESMO 2021 16 – 21 September 2021 Virtual event Further information</p>
<p>New Zealand Society of Cosmetic Medicine Conference 26 - 28 August 2021 Queenstown Further information</p>	
<p>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery Online and optional workshop in Sydney on 28/29 August 2021 Further information</p>	
<p>Queenstown Research Week 2021 30 August - 2 September 2021 Queenstown Further information</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.

[Higher cumulative exposure to thiazides associated with increased rates of incident skin cancer in people over 65](#)

[Comprehensive overview of the current knowledge regarding conjunctival melanoma](#)

[Early time to recurrence predicts worse survival in patients with localized or regionally advanced cutaneous melanoma](#)

[62,130 children estimated to be using sunbeds in England](#)

[High BRAF variant allele frequencies associated with distinct pathological features and responsiveness to target therapy in melanoma patients](#)

[Ipilimumab plus anti-PD-1 more beneficial than ipilimumab alone as second-line immunotherapy for advanced melanoma patients resistant to anti-PD-\(L\)1](#)

[Benefit of local therapy for patients with melanoma treated for solitary progression after initial response to immune checkpoint inhibition](#)

[Current management of melanoma patients with nodal metastases](#)

[Hypoxia-dependent drivers of melanoma progression](#)

[Long-lasting response in patients with metastatic melanoma after anti-PD-1 cessation](#)



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