



# MelNet update

22 February 2021

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## Registration now open for Auckland Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses

**Friday 7 May 2021**

**Auckland City Hospital**

Hosted by MelNet and Clinical Nurse Specialists, this study day is targeted at primary and secondary care nurses and nursing students. It will discuss skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care, helping you to better understand the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse throughout this journey. The cost of attending is \$75.00.

Registration is now open. Spaces are limited so register early to avoid disappointment.

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## Worth a read | Radiological imaging of melanoma: a review to guide clinical practice in New Zealand

MelNet Executive Committee member Richard Martin and colleagues have recently published a review of radiological imaging of melanoma in clinical practice in New Zealand. The review proposes guidelines for initial radiological staging and the follow-up imaging regime for melanoma with the aim of providing consistency in the access and delivery of quality melanoma care. The proposed guidelines are considered the standard of care, but regional practice may differ based on access to imaging technology, cost limitations and the clinical experience of healthcare professionals.

[Read the review](#)

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## MelNet's Givealittle page | Help us help you

Thank you for the generous donations we have received so far via the MelNet Givealittle page.

If you, your colleagues or any of the patients you treat would like to give to a worthy cause, we would be grateful for any support you are able to provide. Your kindness will help us continue to advocate for improved melanoma prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and research, and provide you with skin cancer education opportunities, information, research and best practice.

MelNet is registered with the IRD as a donee organisation so you can claim tax credits for donations of \$5 or more.

[Make a donation or share via social media](#)

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## Recent release | Melanoma NZ launch spot check van

Melanoma NZ recently launched a dedicated mobile spot check van which will enable New Zealanders around the country to have free skin cancer spot checks.

The purpose-fitted van donated by Ryman Healthcare and manned by Gill Rolfe, an experienced Melanoma Nurse Educator, will travel the country offering free spot checks and raising awareness about the importance of early detection and prevention of melanoma.



Melanoma New Zealand are seeking expressions of interest from skin check providers who would like occasional voluntary or paid contract work on the van alongside Gill providing information and free spot checks. If this sounds like you, please contact Zoe Clarke at [admin@melanoma.org.nz](mailto:admin@melanoma.org.nz).

[Melanoma NZ launches free spot mole check van, as 10 Kiwis a day are diagnosed](#)

[More information about Melanoma NZ's spot check van](#)

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## In the news | New test developed to help fight melanoma - QIMR

Australian researchers from QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute have developed a prototype test that can help identify if patients with metastasised melanoma are likely to benefit from immunotherapy. The prototype test detects levels of the protein LC3B on cancer cells. High levels of LC3B are associated with better patient responses to checkpoint inhibitor immunotherapy.

Lead researcher Associate Professor Jason Lee, who heads QIMR Berghofer's Epigenetics and Disease group, said "Our study found patients with high levels of LC3B in their tumour cells had significantly longer survival due to better responses to immunotherapy treatment than those with lower levels. The study showed 95 per cent of patients with high LC3B levels were alive after 3 years, compared to 60 per cent of patients with low LC3B levels."

[New test developed to help fight deadly melanoma - QIMR research](#)

[Read the research abstract](#)

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## Cancer Research Trust NZ | Expressions of interest for General Manager role (closes 26 February)

Cancer Research Trust NZ is calling for expressions of interest for the role of General Manager, a home-based flexible hours position.

A background in laboratory and/or clinical cancer research or a related discipline (such as public health or pathology), preferably at PhD level is required. Research management experience would also be an advantage. The role will be responsible for liaising between the research community and the CRTNZ Assessment Committee and Board, managing the rigorous peer review process that underpins the Trust's grant award programme and handling the financial administration of the Trust.

For more information or a job description, please [email](#) the Executive Director Douglas Ormrod or call 022 079 3349. Expressions of interest are requested by [email](#) along with a CV **by 26 February 2021**.

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## Webinar recording: Update on melanoma staging | Professor John Thompson

In this webinar from [Skin Cancer College Australasia](#)'s Virtual Skin Symposium, Professor John Thompson AO explains the importance of accurate staging and provides an overview of the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition AJCC Melanoma Staging Manual.

[Watch the webinar](#) via [Melanoma Institute Australia's education portal](#)

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## Upcoming opportunities and events



The ASSC Sun Exposure Summit will address Australia and New Zealand's current policies regarding the risks and benefits of sun exposure, and how these risks should be communicated.

Attendance for this online event is free, but registration is required.

[More information](#)



This virtual congress is an opportunity for young doctors and researchers to familiarise themselves with melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. Epidemiology, prevention and early detection, diagnostics and staging, surgical and radiotherapy and systemic and intralesional therapies for melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers are core themes of the meeting.

[More information](#)

## Other upcoming opportunities and events

March	April
<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>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>NECTA Drug Development Meeting 2021</b> 26 March 2021 Online event <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>Goodfellow Symposium 2021</b> 27 - 28 March 2021 Online <a href="#">Further information</a></p>	<p><b>Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online</b> 2 April - 14 May 2021 Online event <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>Australasian College of Dermatologists 53rd Annual Scientific Meeting</b> 9 - 11 April 2021 Online event <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> 10 - 11 April 2021 Auckland <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Fundamental Dermoscopy</b> 12 April 2021 Online event <a href="#">Further information</a></p> <p><a href="#">For more events see the MelNet events calendar</a></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.

[Overview of skin cancer: Pathogenesis, conventional treatment strategies, and nano-carrier based approaches for delivery of nutraceuticals through skin](#)

[Global Burden of Disease Study \(GBD 2017\) may help to direct resources and allocate funding to close the gap in global skin cancer disparities](#)

[Adjuvant therapy with nivolumab provides effective treatment option with promising risk–benefit profile](#)

[Vemurafenib modifies glycans structures and metallomics profile in melanoma cells harboring BRAF mutation](#)

[Review of clinical presentations of cutaneous immune-related adverse effects associated with checkpoint inhibitor CPI therapy in patients with metastatic malignant melanoma](#)

[Inhibition of Integrin beta-like protein 1 might improve melanoma response to immunotherapies](#)

[Comprehensive analysis of baseline variables that predict the benefit of pembrolizumab monotherapy for advanced melanoma patients](#)

[Disease risk scores for skin cancers could be used in early detection programs](#)

[Factors influencing the risk of incomplete primary excision in patients with basal cell carcinoma](#)

[Potential of phenethyl isothiocyanate-containing carbomer gel for use against squamous cell carcinoma](#)

[Environmental effects of stratospheric ozone depletion, UV radiation, and interactions with climate change: UNEP Environmental Effects Assessment Panel update](#)

[Personal neoantigen vaccines induce persistent memory T cell responses and epitope spreading in patients with melanoma](#)



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