



# MelNet update

20 January 2022

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## Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and managed to spend some quality time with friends and family. We look forward to working with you in 2022 to continue to reduce the impact and incidence of melanoma in New Zealand.

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## Melanoma Summit

New Zealand 2022

### 12 - 13 February 2022 | Virtual conference

We are excited to host our first virtual Summit in less than one month! The virtual format provides some much-needed security during these uncertain times, with the added benefit that you will be able to join from the comfort of your home and watch sessions on demand if you can't see them all live.

Visit the [Summit website](#) to see the latest [programme](#), which includes international keynote speakers such as:

- *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
- *Associate Professor Louisa Gordon*, Group Leader Health Economics QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute

Standard registration is open until **31 January**, so be sure to [register now](#).

We look forward to seeing you!

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## Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ | Now available online

The 'Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in New Zealand' are now available on the [MelNet website](#). Developed in collaboration with the Cancer Control Agency, this document is an evolution of the Standards of Service Provision for Melanoma Patients in New Zealand – Provisional which were drafted by the National Melanoma Tumour Standards Working Group for the Ministry of Health in 2013. It defines evidence-based protocols for melanoma prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up, and will inform efforts to reduce the incidence and improve outcomes for melanoma patients and their families.

We encourage you to share the document widely in your networks.

As owners of this piece of work, MelNet will endeavour to ensure it is updated regularly to reflect the latest evidence. If you would like to be part of the National Melanoma Working Group responsible for reviewing and updating the Quality Statements, please advise the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) of your interest by 4 February 2022. Reviews will be held twice yearly, with the first review coinciding with the Summit in February.

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## Cancer Society SunSmart website launch

The Cancer Society of New Zealand has partnered with Te Hiringa Hauora/Health Promotion Agency to take over the delivery of [www.sunsmart.org.nz](http://www.sunsmart.org.nz) and associated campaigns. Launched on 1 December, the new SunSmart website integrates SunSmart Schools with Te Hiringa Hauora's existing SunSmart website and will be a one-stop-shop for all things SunSmart.

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## Cancer Care and COVID-19 | Impact of COVID-19 on cancer services in 2021

The Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu is monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on cancer services. Monthly reports use available DHB data to rapidly measure the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on cancer care.

[More information](#)

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## Recent releases

New melanoma research published by Dr Tim (Wei) Wang from the Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre, Westmead Hospital, Australia, has shown the concurrent use of two drugs that slow the growth of metastatic melanoma, Dabrafenib and Trametinib, are safe to use during palliative radiation therapy.

The study found these BRAF inhibitor drugs, which were previously reported to increase toxicity, had no grade 3 or 4 radiotherapy related toxicities. The phase I/II trial 'CombiRT' trial studied 10 patients and was developed and led by [MASC Trials](#).

[Read the paper](#)

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## Upcoming opportunities and events



**Welcome to Skin Cancer College Australasia's Summer School Offering!**

Don't miss your chance to do our Introduction to Skin Cancer course for less than half price. Perfect for Medical and Allied Health students to upskill in this necessary skillset.

**Offer available Dec 1 2021- Feb 28 2022.**

[Sign up now!](#)

### **Special Offer! Summer School 'Introduction to Skin Cancer'**

Skin Cancer College Australasia has launched a new Summer School to encourage students and allied health professionals to learn more about skin lesions they will see in their daily practice. From 1 December 2021 to 28 February 2022 they are offering their 'Introduction to Skin Cancer' Online Course for a significantly reduced price of \$100.

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



New Zealand Society for Oncology Conference 2021

27 – 29 January 2022, Rotorua [www.nzsoncology.org.nz](http://www.nzsoncology.org.nz) WHIRIA TE KAHA

Cancer Nurses College  
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

The postponed [New Zealand Society for Oncology Conference 2021](#) will include a range of international and national speakers, virtual and in-person sessions, clinical and scientific poster and oral presentations, and networking opportunities for collaborative research.

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



**ASSC** Australian Skin and Skin Cancer Research Centre

**GLOBAL  
ADVANCES AND  
CONTROVERSIES IN  
SKIN CANCER  
2021**

*On demand now available*

Recordings from the Global Advances and Controversies in Skin Cancer (GAC-SC), held on 5 and 6 November 2021, are now available for on-demand viewing. Sessions will be available until 4 February 2022.

[More information](#)

[Register for On-Demand](#)



Melanoma Institute Australia

**Diagnosing and managing skin cancer: The nurses' role**

**MIA NURSES WEBINAR SERIES**

Melanoma Institute Australia invite you to register for their latest free nurse webinar, 'Diagnosing and managing skin cancer: The nurses' role'. MIA's Dermatology Nurse and Melanographer will cover the nurses' role in the diagnosis and management of melanoma, building confidence in skin checking and referrals, and exploring the use of photography. Note that there may be some differences in practice between Australia and New Zealand for some of the content.

Date: 15 February 2022 [Register now](#)

## Other upcoming opportunities and events

### February

#### **Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online**

**4 February – 18 March 2022**

Online

[Find out more](#)

#### **18th Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies**

**5 February 2022**

Hybrid Conference: New York, USA and Virtual

[Find out more](#)

#### **Certificate of Advanced Dermatoscopy**

**19 – 20 February 2022**

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

#### **Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine**

**26 – 27 February 2022**

Christchurch

[Find out more](#)

#### **Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine**

**26 – 27 February 2022**

Brisbane, Australia

[Find out more](#)

[For more events see the MelNet events calendar](#)

### March

#### **RCPA Pathology Update 2022**

**4 – 6 March 2022**

Hybrid Conference: Sydney, Australia and Virtual

[Find out more](#)

#### **Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine**

**5 – 6 March 2022**

Sydney, Australia

[Find out more](#)

#### **Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop**

**11 – 14 March 2022**

Christchurch

[Find out more](#)

#### **Certificate of Fundamental Dermatoscopy**

**12 March 2022**

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

#### **Certificate of Medical and Surgical Management of Skin Cancer**

**13 March 2022**

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

#### **NECTA Drug Development Meeting 2022**

**25 March 2022**

Sydney, Australia

[Find out more](#)

#### **Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop**

**25 – 28 March 2022**

Sydney, Australia

[Find out more](#)

#### **2022 AAD Annual Meeting**

**25 – 29 March 2022**

Boston, USA

[Find out more](#)

#### **Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online**

**25 March – 13 May 2022**

Online

[Find out more](#)

#### **MelNet Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy Course – Goodfellow Symposium Pre-Symposium Workshop**

**25 March 2022**

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

#### **Goodfellow Symposium**

**26 - 27 March 2022**

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

#### **Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine**

**26 – 27 March 2022**

Sydney, Australia

[Find out more](#)

## 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.

[The economics of skin cancer prevention with implications for Australia and New Zealand](#)

[Multiparametric MRI potential for early detection of successful response to immune checkpoint inhibitors in metastatic melanoma](#)

[Multi-trait genetic analysis identifies auto-immune loci associated with cutaneous melanoma](#)

[TIGIT/CD155 axis mediates resistance to immunotherapy in patients with melanoma with inflamed tumor microenvironment](#)

[Dual-energy CT radiomics significantly improves immunotherapy response prediction for patients with stage IV melanoma](#)

[Forty years of Slip! Slop! Slap! A call to action on skin cancer prevention for Australia](#)

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