

MelNet update

20 October 2022

Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ | Second edition now released

The second edition of the Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ is now available on the [MelNet website](#).

The statements describe what quality care for melanoma should look like in New Zealand based on current global best practice and will inform efforts to reduce the incidence and improve outcomes for melanoma patients and their families. We encourage you to read the statements and share the document widely in your networks.

We are grateful for the efforts of the National Melanoma Working Group in undertaking this review, and to everybody who provided feedback.

[Download the Quality Statements - second edition](#)

Join the MelNet webinar series

To support the launch of the second edition of the Quality Statements, MelNet are hosting a free six-part webinar series.



The webinars will step through each of the quality statements and associated good practice points, highlighting significant changes made during the 2022 review and providing you an opportunity to ask questions.

Each webinar is scheduled to take place on Thursday evening with a 7.00 pm start:

27 October 2022	Webinar #1	<i>Prevention, early detection and diagnosis</i>
3 November 2022	Webinar #2	<i>Pathology and reporting</i>
10 November 2022	Webinar #3	<i>Staging, surveillance and follow up</i>
17 November 2022	Webinar #4	<i>Surgical management</i>
24 November 2022	Webinar #5	<i>Management of advanced melanoma</i>
1 December 2022	Webinar #6	<i>Multi-disciplinary & coordinated care throughout the patient journey</i>

All healthcare professionals working in skin cancer management are warmly invited to attend.

This series has been endorsed by RNZCGP and RACS and approved for CME credit for Continuing Professional Development purposes.

While this series is free to attend, we warmly welcome a [koha](#). Your support enables MelNet to continue to advocate for improved melanoma prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and research, and provide you with best practice guidelines, skin cancer education opportunities, information and research.

[More information and to register](#)

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Dermoscopy made easy | Online course for beginners on 12 November

Saturday 12 November 2022

8.00 am – 12.30 pm

Join Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley in her online '*Dermoscopy made easy*' course.

This beginner course will provide an overview of the common elements of dermoscopy and the clinical and dermatoscopic characteristics of benign and malignant lesions, whether you own a dermatoscope or not.

The cost to attend the course is \$285.

This course has been endorsed by RNZCGP and RACS and approved for up to 4 CME credits.

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



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Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting | 4 November 2022

10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Friday 4 November 2022

Via Zoom

Items for discussion are:

- Improving access to clinical trials in New Zealand
- Research into DNA and RNA signatures associated with melanoma resistance to Keytruda

If you are interested in attending, please [RSVP](#) and we will send you information on how to connect to the meeting.

Please note, this meeting will be immediately followed by the MelNet AGM which we encourage all MelNet members to attend.

[More information](#)

Reminder MelNet AGM | 4 November 2022

The MelNet AGM will be held via Zoom from 12.30 – 1.00 pm on Friday 4 November 2022, immediately following a meeting of the Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group.

Members are invited to submit nominations for the Executive Committee in writing to the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) no later than 5.00 pm [Friday 21 October 2022](#). These should include the nominee's name, a brief biography and the signatures of two members.

According to the MelNet rules, the Committee shall comprise at least eight and no more than ten members, with occupations that span the continuum. Members who will be serving the second year of their two-year term have surgical, oncological and primary prevention experience. Up to five additional members can be elected to the committee at the AGM. Preference will be given to those with expertise in general practice, nursing, pathology, dermatology and research.

All members are also invited to submit any remits or other matters to be considered at the AGM to the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) no later than 5.00 pm [Friday 21 October 2022](#).

[RSVP to attend the AGM](#)

Lymphoedema Training Funding

For many people with lymphatic conditions, access to treatment is one of the greatest hurdles to successful management of their condition, and patients often must travel considerable distances to access treatment. To help address this, the Lymph Info Trust is pleased to announce a new scheme to fund training for existing health professionals to extend their skillset and work within communities that have no or limited access to treatment.

[More information and how to apply](#)



Tips and tricks

Dermoscopy of squamous cell carcinoma

In the short video, Prof Argenziano looks at the dermoscopic and clinical features used to identify and diagnose SCC, including actinic keratosis and Bowen's disease.

[Watch the video on HealthCert's blog](#)

Podcast: Getting the pathology right

In this podcast, MIA's multidisciplinary experts answer crucial questions covering the pathology report, specimen processing, biopsies and when to refer their patients.

[Listen to podcast via MIA's melanoma education portal](#)

Upcoming opportunities and events

'Setting up your skin cancer practice for success' | SCCA Spotlight Series

Whether you are considering setting up a practice in the future, own an established practice, or somewhere in between, the Spotlight Series will deliver valuable insight into management, planning for the unexpected, insurance, IT systems, lessons learnt and much more.

[More information](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

November, December

'Setting up your skin cancer practice for success'
webinar 1: Taking the Leap

2 November 2022

Online

[Find out more](#)

**The 3rd Immuno-Oncology World
Congress (Immuno-Oncology2022)**

2 – 3 November 2022

Copenhagen, Denmark

[Find out more](#)

**Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA's) 49th
Annual Scientific Meeting**

2 - 4 November 2022

Brisbane, Australia

[Further information](#)

**Melanoma Quality Statements MelNet webinar
series - webinar #2: Pathology and reporting**

3 November 2022

Online

[Find out more](#)

**Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest
Group and MelNet AGM**

4 November 2022

Online

[More information](#)

**37th Annual Meeting and Pre-Conference Programs
(SITC 2022)**

8 – 12 November 2022 (ET)

Boston, USA

[Find out more](#)

'Setting up your skin cancer practice for success'
**webinar 2: Managing systems and staff in a new skin
cancer practice**

9 November 2022

Online

[Find out more](#)

**Melanoma Quality Statements MelNet webinar
series - webinar #3: Staging, surveillance and follow
up**

10 November 2022

Online

[Find out more](#)

**Dermoscopy made easy: an online course for
beginners**

12 November 2022

Online

[Find out more](#)

'Setting up your skin cancer practice for success'
**webinar 3: How to manage a business after training
as a Doctor?**

16 November 2022

Online courses starting any time

Certificate of Fundamental Dermoscopy

Enrolment every Sunday

Online

[Find out more](#)

Introduction to Skin Cancer

Start studies any time

Online

[Find out more](#)

**Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine / Skin
Cancer Surgery / Dermoscopy**

**Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine / Skin
Cancer Surgery / Dermoscopy**

**Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Medicine / Skin
Cancer Surgery / Dermoscopy**

Start studies any time Online (some courses offer an
optional practical workshop)

[Find out more](#)

Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology

Start studies any time

Online

[Find out more](#)

**Advanced Certificate of Histopathology for
Dermoscopy**

Start studies any time

Online

[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Case Management: Dermoscopy

Start studies any time

Online

[Find out more](#)

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

Online

[Find out more](#)

**Melanoma Quality Statements MelNet webinar series - webinar #4: Surgical management
17 November 2022**

Online

[Find out more](#)

**Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine
19 - 20 November 2022**

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

**Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine
Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery
19 November 2022**

Perth, Australia

[Find out more](#)

**Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine
Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery
20 November 2022**

Perth, Australia

[Find out more](#)

**Melanoma Quality Statements MelNet webinar series - webinar#5: Management of advanced melanoma
24 November 2022**

Online

[Find out more](#)

**Melanoma Quality Statements MelNet webinar series - webinar #6: Multi-disciplinary & coordinated care throughout the patient journey
1 December 2022**

Online

[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.

[A qualitative descriptive study of a novel nurse-led skin cancer screening model in rural Australia](#)

[Adjuvant nivolumab versus ipilimumab \(checkmate 238 trial\): Reassessment of 4-year efficacy outcomes in patients with stage III melanoma per AJCC-8 staging criteria](#)

[High rate of lymphedema following inguinal lymph node dissection for melanoma: potential target for immediate lymphatic reconstruction?](#)

[Immune checkpoint inhibitors for advanced malignant melanoma: Combination therapy shows better efficacy, monotherapy is safer](#)

[Radiation therapy for melanoma brain metastases: a systematic review](#)

[Dual specificity phosphatases proteins involved in regulation of cellular plasticity cells and melanoma drug resistance](#)

[Inflammatory proteins may serve as predictive biomarkers of ICI response in patients with advanced melanoma](#)

[Study: T-VEC-pembrolizumab did not significantly improve PFS or OS compared with placebo-pembrolizumab](#)



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