

MelNet update

21 February 2022



Thank you to those who attended the 2022 New Zealand Melanoma Summit on 12 – 13 February 2022. We hope you found it a valuable experience.

While we all hoped it could go ahead as an in-person event, we are grateful to still have been able to deliver high quality content in the COVID-19 red light setting.

Information for delegates

Session recordings are available on the virtual Summit platform for the next six months. To access the on-demand content, please use the same login details you received to attend the Summit.

If you haven't completed the [evaluation form](#), we would love to hear your feedback before it closes on Wednesday.

What's next?

Post-event information will be sent to all registered delegates in the next week, and outcomes of the Summit will be published on the MelNet website in due course.

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Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ | Now formally launched

The 'Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in New Zealand' were formally launched at the 2022 New Zealand Melanoma Summit on 12 – 13 February. This is a significant achievement for the sector, and for MelNet who have been advocating vigorously for melanoma standards since 2011.

Developed in collaboration with the Cancer Control Agency and endorsed by over 10 organisations, this document 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 read the [Quality Statements](#) and share these widely in your networks.

MelNet Goodfellow Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy course | Virtual course on 25 March 2022

Join Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley at this pre-symposium beginners' workshop - whether you own a dermatoscope or not. Using a series of regional, close-up and dermoscopic images, this 4-hour workshop will increase your confidence in the diagnosis of typical benign skin lesions.

[More information](#)

[Register now](#)

Cancer Prevention Report | Released by Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency

[Pūrongo Ārai Mate Pukupuku, the Cancer Prevention Report](#) pulls together data, research and recommendations focused on preventing cancer. It assesses actions New Zealand can take to stop cancers developing where possible.

The report states that cancers related to excessive ultraviolet radiation can be prevented by:

- creating healthy outdoor environments that provide protection from excessive UV radiation
- creating supportive school environments that protect children and young people from excessive UV radiation
- creating supportive work environments that protect people from exposure to excessive UV radiation
- increasing access to affordable, high-quality sunscreen.

[Read the report](#)

The economics of skin cancer prevention | Research by Associate Professor Louisa Gordon

We had the privilege of Associate Professor Louisa Gordon providing a keynote address at the recent Summit. Her presentation 'The escalating burden of skin cancer to Government' was a highlight and an eye opener for many.

In her recent research 'The economics of skin cancer prevention with implications for Australia and New Zealand: where are we now?' Associate Professor Louisa Gordon elaborates that most skin cancers are avoidable and curable yet cost the Australian health economy an estimated A\$1.7 billion each year. She emphasises that primary prevention of skin cancers must remain high on the public health agenda.

[Read the article](#)

Roadmap for reducing the impact of melanoma in Australia

The 'State of The Nation - A Report into Melanoma, A National Health Priority' commissioned by Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA) and Melanoma Patients Australia (MPA) provides a detailed roadmap for reducing the impact of melanoma.

The Report outlines a five-point strategy critical to achieving zero deaths from melanoma by 2030.

- Implement a national melanoma prevention and awareness campaign
- Invest in Australia's high impact research
- Improve early detection and targeted screening programme
- Reduce variation in diagnosis and treatment
- Establish a model for melanoma supportive care and survivorship.

[Find out more](#)

AMRF: Calls for applications 2022 (Project)

The Auckland Medical Research Foundation (AMRF) is calling for applications for Project Grants to support medical research projects for up to two years duration and a new maximum of \$180,000. In addition to their usual funding in all areas of medical and health research, specific funds are potentially available (in a contestable manner using their standard procedures) for research into melanoma and other skin cancers.

Applications must be received through the [AMRF portal](#) by 5.00 pm, 2 March 2022. Please [email](#) questions.

[More information](#)

The evolving paradigm shift in melanoma | Podcast

Hosted by Melanoma Institute Australia, leading melanoma experts Professor Richard Scolyer AO and Professor Georgina Long AO discuss the paradigm shift which has taken place in the field of melanoma over recent years.

[Listen now](#)

Recent releases

Te Aho o Te Kahu, the Cancer Control Agency has published a [video message](#) for people with cancer during the Omicron outbreak. It is reflective of how hard the whole cancer sector is working to keep those with cancer safe and well.

Upcoming opportunities and events

Save 10% on HealthCert courses – register by 28 February

HealthCert is currently offering a 10% discount on all skin cancer, dermoscopy and dermatology courses. Register by 28 February using the code *ANSCD10*.

[Find out more](#)



This invitation-only meeting in Brisbane will bring together multiple stakeholder groups to review the latest evidence in the debate with the aim of developing a roadmap for the role for polygenic risk scores in melanoma management.

[More information](#)

[View the programme](#)

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Join MelNet Co-Chair Dr Chris Boberg at this year's Goodfellow Symposium with his update '[No one should die of melanoma](#)'. Also featured is MelNet member Dr Rajan Patel with a session on [Skin Lesions](#).

[More information](#)

[View the programme](#)

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**Australasian Skin Cancer Congress
20 – 22 May 2022
Gold Coast, Queensland or virtual**

The programme will include presentations from primary care practitioners, oncologists, researchers and pathologists, many of whom are global thought leaders in skin cancer medicine – the people who influence the future of skin cancer medicine diagnosis and treatment.

Early bird registration is open until 28 February.

[More information](#)

[Programme](#)

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Other upcoming opportunities and events

March

RCPA Pathology Update 2022

4 – 6 March 2022

Hybrid Conference: Sydney, Australia and Virtual

[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](#)

Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online

25 March – 13 May 2022

Online

[Find out more](#)

April

WONCA Asia Pacific Region Conference 2022

9 – 12 April 2022

Yangon, Myanmar

[Find out more](#)

18th EADO Congress

21 – 23 April 2022

Hybrid Conference: Seville, Spain and Virtual

[Find out more](#)

Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop

29 April - 2 May 2022

Melbourne, Australia

[Find out more](#)

**The Australasian College of Dermatologists
54th Annual Scientific Meeting**

30 April - 3 May 2022

Adelaide, Australia

[Find out more](#)

[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.

[Factors influencing participants' engagement with an interactive text-message intervention to improve sun protection behaviors](#)

[Use of video “Dear 16-Year-Old Me,” as melanoma education tool results in participant health behaviour changes](#)

[Metastatic acral melanoma treatment outcomes: systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

[Exploring outcomes of rechallenge and retreatment with immune checkpoint inhibitors \(ICIs\) in melanoma patients](#)

[Text messages targeting sun protection are effective in improving sun protection behaviours](#)

[Risk factors for lower extremity lymphedema after Inguinal lymphadenectomy in melanoma patients](#)



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