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## Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to working with you in 2023 to continue to reduce the impact and incidence of melanoma in New Zealand.

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## Together we can sustain MelNet | Thank you

We are very grateful for the generous donations in response to our call for assistance to sustain MelNet – thank you!

In case you missed the December newsletter, MelNet remains without a guaranteed income stream and without this our future is at risk. We are seeking your help by:

1. [Making a donation](#). Any amount you can contribute would be greatly appreciated
2. Referring us to a community group or business you know that would consider being an ongoing sponsor of MelNet
3. Organising a fundraising event in your local community or referring us to a fundraising group who are looking for a worthy cause to support
4. Talking about MelNet with patients and their families who you have treated for melanoma and who may want to make a bequest to support our work
5. Introducing us to a philanthropist who would consider supporting MelNet.

If you have any other ideas or comments, please [email us](#).

Thank you again for your ongoing support and your commitment.

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## Goodfellow Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy course | Have you registered yet?

**10.00 am – 5.00 pm, Friday 24 March 2023**  
**Due Drop Events Centre, Auckland**

There is still time to register for the Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy course, hosted by MelNet in conjunction with the Goodfellow Symposium.

Presented by Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, this one-day beginner course will cover the common elements of dermatoscopy, helping you to spot melanoma, basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma at a glance by recognising their clinical and dermatoscopic characteristics.

[More information](#)

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## Auckland Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses | Save the date

We are excited to announce that Auckland Cancer Nurse Coordinators and MelNet will be hosting a Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses on **16 June 2023** at Middlemore Hospital.

If you are a primary or secondary care nurse or a nursing student in the Auckland area (or are willing to travel), mark this date in your diary.

The course will provide an overview of skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care, with a focus on melanoma. Participants should gain an increased understanding of the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse throughout this journey.

More details to follow.

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## Recordings on MelNet's YouTube channel

In case you missed it – the following recordings are now available on our YouTube channel:

[New Zealand Melanoma Summit keynote presentations](#)

Melanoma Quality Statements webinar series –

Quality Statements 1: [Prevention, early detection and diagnosis](#)

Quality Statements 2: [Pathology and reporting](#)

Quality Statements 3: [Staging, surveillance and follow up](#)

Quality Statements 4: [Surgical management](#)

Quality Statements 5: [Management of advanced melanoma](#)

Quality Statements 6: [Multi-disciplinary and coordinated care throughout the patient journey](#)

\*\*\*\*\* Found this content useful? \*\*\*\*\*

Please consider [donating](#) to MelNet. Your support enables us to continue to provide you with best practice guidelines, skin cancer education opportunities, information and research.

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## Sunbed operators caught ignoring melanoma risks | In the media

Sunbed operators have been caught rejecting official health advice and letting people with very fair skin use their services. Consumer NZ says a recent 'mystery shop' uncovered seven outlets willing to let people with 'type 1' fair skin use sunbeds, exposing them to UV radiation stronger than that from the sun.

MelNet continues to advocate for a sunbed ban in New Zealand.

[Read the article](#)

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## Tiger Prawn's back! | Get involved in sharing the Cancer Society's SunSmart messages this summer

After 20 years, Cancer Society have given 'Tiger Prawn – the SunSmart spokesprawn' a new life in their latest campaign to remind the whole whānau to stay SunSmart and Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap to protect themselves from the harmful effects of UV radiation this summer. You can help spread the message by:

1. Following Cancer Society on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and/or Twitter and sharing their SunSmart content
2. Using the Cancer Society's [suggested social media content](#) or [campaign banner](#) for your own social media posts and/or in e-newsletters, other electronic communications or e-signatures
3. Talking with your team, patients and wider community about the return of Tiger Prawn and the importance of staying safe in the sun.

See the [SunSmart website](#) for more SunSmart information and resources. Thank you for your support.

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## Tips and tricks | Common benign lesions

Prof Giuseppe Argenziano looks at common benign lesions encountered in primary care and outlines their clinical and dermoscopic clues with real patient cases.

Watch the videos on HealthCert's Blog:

[Common benign lesions | Part 1](#)

[Common benign lesions | Part 2](#)

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## Upcoming opportunities and events

**2023 events calendar on MelNet website** | Full version available now

The full [2023 events calendar](#) is now available on the MelNet website.

Do you work in primary care and would like to upskill in 2023? Check out [Skin Cancer Education for Primary Care Practitioners](#).

If there are any events you would like included, please [let us know](#).

MIA invite you to their next free nurse webinar: *Managing immunotherapy side effects*. Medical Oncology Cancer Nurse Coordinator Kate Willis will explain the nurses' role in managing side effects, share tips and talk through case studies for treating melanoma patients on immunotherapy.

[More information and to register](#)



### **Upskill in 2023 with Skin Cancer Symposiums:**

#### **Certificate of Fundamental Dermatoscopy 2023 | 11 March 2023, Auckland**

This course is aimed at beginners in the field of dermatoscopy and skin cancer. Professor Cliff Rosendahl and Associate Professor Amanda Oakley will ensure you have a confident feel for the basics of dermatoscopy. All registrants receive a complimentary Molescope II dermatoscope and universal adaptor that can be used with all mobile phones.

[Find out more](#)



#### **Certificate of Skin Cancer Management 2023 | 12 March 2023, Auckland**

Taught by skin cancer clinicians with decades of surgical and medical expertise, this hands-on practical course encompasses both surgical and medical management of skin cancer. All registrants receive a free surgical kit with sutures to take home to practise and hone your skills on.

[Find out more](#)

### **Other upcoming opportunities and events**

February	March
<b>Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online</b> 3 February 2023 Online <a href="#">Find out more</a>	<b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> 3 March 2023 Melbourne, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a>
<b>19th Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies</b> <b>4 February 2023</b> Hybrid event: Dallas, USA or virtual <a href="#">Find out more</a>	<b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> 4 March 2023 Sydney, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a>
<b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> 11 February 2023 Adelaide, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a>	<b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> 5 March 2023 Sydney, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a>
<b>Taking Cancer Prevention Seriously: The people, the government and industry</b> 16 February 2023 Wellington <a href="#">Find out more</a>	<b>2023 AAD Annual Meeting</b> 17 – 21 March 2023 New Orleans, USA <a href="#">Find out more</a>
<b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> 24 February 2023	<b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> <b>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery</b> 18 March 2023

<p>Brisbane, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>RCPA Pathology Update 2023</b>  24 – 26 February 2023  Melbourne, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p>	<p>Brisbane, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b>  19 March 2023  Brisbane, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery</b>  19 March 2023  Brisbane, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>MASC Trials Annual Scientific Meeting</b>  23 March 2023  Brisbane, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Australasian Melanoma Conference</b>  24 – 25 March 2023  Brisbane, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>MelNet Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy Course –  Goodfellow Symposium Pre-Symposium Workshop</b>  24 March 2023  Auckland  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Goodfellow Symposium</b>  25 - 26 March 2023  Auckland  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop</b>  31 March 2023  Melbourne, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b>  31 March 2023  Sydney, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>NECTA Drug Development Meeting 2023</b>  31 March 2023  Sydney, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p>For more events see the <a href="#">MelNet events calendar</a></p>
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\*\*\* For online courses starting any time, please refer to [Skin Cancer Education for Primary Care Practitioners](#) \*\*\*

### 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.

[Influencing tumor-associated macrophages in malignant melanoma with monoclonal antibodies](#)

[Health-related quality of life stable with adjuvant pembrolizumab for high-risk stage II melanoma](#)

[Nivolumab improved recurrence-free survival and overall survival versus placebo in patients with resected stage IIIB-C cutaneous melanoma](#)

[Frailty unrelated to occurrence of severe immune-related adverse events \(irAEs\) but an indicator of irAE-related adverse sequelae in melanoma patients](#)

[Impact of radiotherapy and sequencing of systemic therapy on survival outcomes in melanoma patients with previously untreated brain metastasis](#)

[Efficacy and safety of anti-PD1 monotherapy or in combination with ipilimumab after BRAF/MEK inhibitors in patients with BRAF mutant metastatic melanoma](#)

[Efficacy of anti-PD-1 and ipilimumab alone or in combination in acral melanoma](#)

[Motivations and barriers for participating in melanoma genomics research](#)

[Neoadjuvant ICI treatment has potential to avert mutilating treatments in non-melanoma skin cancers](#)

[Blood test based on circulating microRNAs can non-invasively detect melanoma](#)

[Keynote-716: Overall benefit–risk of pembrolizumab continues to be positive in adjuvant setting](#)

[Melanoma thickness at diagnosis significantly associated with quality of patients' diets before diagnosis](#)



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