



20 June 2023

Skin Cancer in the Elderly | Save the date

Saturday 19 August 2023 (morning)

Online course via Zoom

We are excited to host an online course which will provide an overview of skin cancer diagnosis and management in the elderly. The course is intended to help improve recognition of suspicious lesions in the elderly and create consistency in understanding of best practice management for melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers.

We will share more details and the registration link with you soon. In the meantime, mark the day in your diary, tell your colleagues and keep an eye on your inbox.

Next Melanoma Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting

9.00 – 10.30 am Thursday 21 September 2023

Napier War Memorial Centre, Napier

We will host our next Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting in conjunction with the New Zealand Society of Oncology (NZSO) Annual Scientific meeting.

Topics to be discussed are:

- Neoadjuvant treatment of early stage disease
- Audit of brain metastases in New Zealand

Please register to attend via the [NZSO website](#). No virtual option will be available.

For those wishing to attend this meeting only, registration is \$50 for Registrars/Scientists/Nurses/Students and \$300 for Senior Medical Officers. This fee provides access to all Thursday SIG meetings and sessions - see the programme [here](#).

Review of Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ | Consultation closing soon

The National Melanoma Working Group (NMWG), with support from MelNet is reviewing the 'Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in New Zealand – second edition' to ensure the document continues to reflect latest research and best practice.

If you have any feedback on potential amendments based on new evidence and literature that has been published since our last review a year ago, please submit in writing by **5.00 pm Friday 30 June 2023** to melnet@melnet.org.nz.

For further information please see the [MelNet website](#).

New Zealand patients have higher melanoma burden in sentinel nodes and completion lymphadenectomy than patients in MSLT-II | Recent study

According to a recent study, New Zealand is a high-risk population for nodal melanoma metastases. The conclusions of the second Multicenter Selective Lymphadenectomy Trial (MSLT-II) may not be able to be applied to melanoma patients in the seven regions studied in New Zealand.

[Read the article](#)

Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA) education portal posts

Deciphering the melanoma pathology report

In this short video, Pathologist Dr Robert Rawson discusses each feature of the melanoma pathology report and why it is important for your patients.

[Watch the video now](#) on MIA's education portal (free sign in required)

Neoadjuvant immunotherapy: Revolutionising melanoma treatment

This podcast, led by Prof Georgina Long AO, explores the innovative approach of neoadjuvant immunotherapy and why it is creating a buzz among multidisciplinary clinicians.

[Listen to the podcast now](#) on MIA's education portal (free sign in required)

In the media: Beauty therapist training to spot melanoma and skin cancer

One of the country's biggest beauty therapy clinics has partnered with the Skin Cancer College of Australasia (SCCA) to train technicians to spot suspicious lesions. Caci Clinic will train all of its therapists and nurses to recognise potential skin cancers, and encourage clients to see a GP. This follows a successful trial with clinics in Australia, with training also run by SCCA.

[Listen to Radio NZ interview](#)

[Read article](#)

Upcoming opportunities and events



There is still time to [register](#) for this two-day course, hosted by Skin Cancer Symposiums. The course is designed to equip healthcare providers with a systematic and practical approach to assessing skin lesions that are suspicious for malignancy.

[View the programme](#)

[More information](#)

NZDSI Conference 2023



The 2023 NZ Dermatological Society Annual Conference takes place in Queenstown from 2 – 5 August.

[Find out more](#)



The NZ Dermatology Nurses' Society conference is held in Queenstown from 3 – 4 August.

[Find out more](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

July	August
25th World Congress of Dermatology 3 – 8 July 2023 Singapore Find out more	ASCO Breakthrough 3 – 5 August 2023 Yokohama, Japan Find out more
Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online 14 July 2023 Online Find out more	Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine 4 August 2023 Online and practical workshop in Brisbane on 2 September Find out more
	Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery 5 August 2023 Adelaide, Australia Find out more
	Immuno-Oncology Summit 2023 7 – 9 August 2023 Hybrid event: Boston, USA and virtual Find out more
	Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine 18 August 2023 Online and practical workshop in Melbourne on 16 September Find out more
	New Zealand Society of Cosmetic Medicine Conference 25 – 27 August 2023 Christchurch Find out more
	Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery 26 August 2023 Sydney, Australia Find out more
	Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery

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

27 August 2023
Sydney, Australia
[Find out more](#)

Queenstown Research Week 2023
27 August - 1 September 2023
Queenstown
[Find out more](#)

*** 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.

[Review: benefits and harms of routine skin cancer screening in asymptomatic screening populations aged \$\geq 15\$ years](#)

[Dermatologists may improve their performance when they cooperate with the market-approved Convolutional Neural Network](#)

[Review of dermoscopic melanoma criteria according to specific body sites](#)

[RNA analysis of tape strips can reduce removal of benign lesions](#)

[The role of mitochondria in the resistance of melanoma to PD-1 inhibitors](#)

[Social media-based public health campaign to reduce indoor tanning in high-risk populations](#)



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