

MelNet update

20 March 2023

Auckland Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses | Registration is now open

Friday 16 June 2023

Middlemore Hospital, Auckland

Hosted by MelNet and Clinical Nurse Specialists, this study day is targeted at primary and secondary care nurses and nursing students. It will discuss skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care, helping you to better understand the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse throughout this journey. The cost of attending is \$85.00.

Registration is now open – be sure to secure your space!

[Register now](#)

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Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer One-Day Seminar

Saturday 17 June 2023

Spencer Hotel, Auckland

We are excited to host this one-day seminar, which will improve your understanding of best practice prevention, diagnosis and management of common and rare non-melanoma skin cancers. It is also an opportunity to connect with colleagues across the country and foster new connections. All health professionals with an interest in skin cancer are invited to attend.

The cost of attending is \$250 (for nurses, registrars, students on a recognised training programme, allied health professionals) or \$375 (for medical doctors).

Spaces are limited so register early to avoid disappointment.

[Register now](#)

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MelNet YouTube channel

Just a reminder that the MelNet YouTube channel can be accessed from the [Resources section](#) of the MelNet website. It features webinars we have hosted, including the recent Quality Statements webinar series, as well as keynote presentations from the 2022 New Zealand Melanoma Summit.

***** Found the 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.

Australian research: Vitamin D and sun exposure

A recent community survey in Australia has concluded that there is a lack of knowledge regarding sun exposure and vitamin D. This was associated with suboptimal sun protection practices. Public education is warranted to prevent over-exposure, while supporting natural vitamin D production.

[Read the article](#)

News from Melanoma and Skin Cancer Trials (MASC) | Fundraising boost for trial treating melanoma brain metastases

A fundraising boost for a new trial treating melanoma brain metastases will help open additional research sites around Australia, offering hope to patients who have melanoma that has spread to the brain.

The clinical trial receiving the funds, called the [BETTER trial](#), is examining whether a combination of immunotherapy drugs and targeted radiotherapy will improve outcomes for patients with melanoma brain metastases, who have neurological symptoms or who are taking steroids to control these symptoms.

[Find out more](#)

Have you considered growing your practice through skin cancer work?

In this short video, Paul Elmslie (Founder & CEO of HealthCert Education and National Skin Cancer Centres) talks about the benefits of upskilling in skin cancer medicine in order to provide skin cancer diagnoses and treatments for your patients.

Please note that the video is based on the Australian health system. Some of the content may not apply to New Zealand.

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

Upcoming opportunities and events

A promotional banner for the NZAGS 2023 conference. On the left is a photograph of two large, rounded boulders in a shallow, clear body of water. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'NZAGS²³ 29 – 30 APRIL 2023 RUTHERFORD HOTEL NELSON www.nzags.co.nz'. On the far right is the NZAGS logo (New Zealand Association of General Surgeons) and a blue box containing the text: 'Surgery in the New Era + The Future of Health Care in New Zealand'.

We are at a turning point in healthcare provision as our health system undergoes its most significant transformation in a generation. Join your colleagues at NZAGS 2023 and hear from an exceptional line up of speakers from around Australasia. Together they bring a breadth of experience and expertise in a wide range of practice settings, and can speak to our present moment of transformation.

[More information](#)

A banner for the RACS 91st Annual Scientific Congress. On the left is a graphic of stylized human figures in various colors (brown, orange, yellow, red, purple) with a rainbow gradient, set against a dark blue background. Below the figures is the text 'EQUITY IN SURGERY'. To the right of the graphic, the text reads: 'RACS 91ST ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS 1 – 5 May 2023 Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia'.

To promote conversations and reflect our understandings in cultural competence and cultural safety, the theme of the Congress is “*Equity in Surgery*”. It aims to explore health inequalities and how to eliminate them, and intends to generate discussions about how the traditions and beliefs of individual cultural backgrounds of our patients can impact on how we provide care.

[More information](#)



Join The Australasian College of Dermatologists 55th Annual Scientific Meeting in Sydney from 27 – 29 May.

[More information](#)

Save the date for the 2024 Skin Cancer Conference | 11 – 15 September 2024, Brisbane

The 6th International Conference on Ultraviolet Radiation and Skin Cancer Prevention will focus on research, policy, and practice to prevent skin cancers.

The Global Advances and Controversies in Skin Cancer will present new discoveries from basic science, through to diagnosis and clinical management of skin cancers.

[More information](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

April
<p>Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online 7 April 2023 Online Find out more</p>
<p>19th EADO Congress 20 – 22 April 2023 Hybrid event: Rome, Italy and virtual Find out more</p>
<p>Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery 29 April 2023 Melbourne, Australia Find out more</p>
<p>Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery 30 April 2023 Melbourne, Australia Find out more</p>

May
<p>2023 Sydney Nurse Melanoma Symposium 4 May 2023 Sydney, Australia Find out more</p>
<p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine 19 May 2023 Online and practical workshop in Auckland on 17 June Find out more</p>
<p>Australasian Skin Cancer Congress 19 - 21 May 2023 Hybrid event: Gold Coast, Australia and virtual Find out more</p>
<p>24th World Dermatology Congress 22 – 23 May 2023 Barcelona, Spain Find out more</p>
<p>4th Edition of International Conference on Dermatology and Cosmetology 24 – 25 May 2023 Hybrid event: Tokyo, Japan and virtual Find out more</p>
<p>For more events see the MelNet events calendar</p>

*** 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.

[Neo-adjuvant immunotherapy emerges as best medical practice, and will be the new standard of care for macroscopic stage III melanoma](#)

[Phenotype switching and the melanoma microenvironment; impact on immunotherapy and drug resistance](#)

[Protein LAP1 supports nuclear adaptability and helps the spread of melanoma](#)

[Advances in photodynamic therapy for treatment of actinic keratosis and nonmelanoma skin cancer](#)

[High level of acceptance and confidence in 3D total-body photography in melanoma early detection](#)

[Immunosuppressive drug methotrexate linked to increased risk of basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and cutaneous malignant melanoma](#)

[Review: clinical, histological, molecular, and genetic factors that influence nevus formation and progression to melanoma](#)

[The mechanical phenotypic plasticity of melanoma cell: an emerging driver of therapy cross-resistance](#)

[Nivolumab and relatlimab: manageable safety profile, durable clinical activity in patients with heavily pretreated advanced melanoma with prior progression on anti-PD-\(L\)1-containing regimens](#)

[Changes in serum protein glycosylation associated with response to immune checkpoint inhibitors](#)

[Inhibition of myeloperoxidase enhances immune checkpoint therapy for melanoma](#)

[Tool to calculate pretest probability of sentinel lymph node metastasis in primary cutaneous melanoma](#)

[Immune checkpoint inhibitors should be considered first after melanoma brain metastasis diagnosis](#)



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