

MelNet update

20 June 2022

Quality Statements to Guide Melanoma Diagnosis and Treatment in NZ | Review in progress

Over July and August 2022, the National Melanoma Working Group will review the Quality Statements to ensure they continue to reflect latest research and best practice.

Opportunity to submit feedback has now closed – thank you to those who took the time to input into this process.

The updated Quality Statements and a summary of changes made will be communicated to MelNet members and the wider sector following the completion of the review.

You can find out more about the review and the Quality Statements on the [MelNet website](#).

Auckland Medical Research Foundation | Call for applications for melanoma or other skin cancer Fellowship

The Auckland Medical Research Foundation (AMRF) is calling for applications for the JI Sutherland Medical Research Fellowship. This Fellowship is open to medical or science graduates with New Zealand residency, permanent residency or citizenship who wish to undertake full-time medical research for a PhD or an MD in the specific field of melanoma or other skin cancer research.

Applications must be made through the [AMRF portal](#) and received by **5.00 pm, 3 August 2022**. Please direct any questions to the Research Programme Manager on 09 923 1701 or email hannah.gibbons@medicalresearch.org.nz.

[More information](#)

International melanoma trial | MelMarT-II

The MelMarT-II trial is gathering melanoma experts from around the world, including New Zealand, to contribute results from 3,000 patients to determine the optimal surgical excision margin for melanoma of the skin. The trial, led by Melanoma and Skin Cancer Trials, has already enrolled over 600 patients at 33 hospitals in seven different countries, and a recent agreement with the SWOG Cancer Research Network will allow for approximately 50 more sites across the USA.



MelNet Executive Committee member Richard Martin is the Auckland based investigator for this trial.

[Find out more](#)

Follow MASC Trials on [Facebook](#) if you wish to keep informed about the important work they are doing.

Upcoming opportunities and events



*** BEING HELD VERY SOON *** *MIA Nurse Webinar: Skin cancer prevention and risk reduction*

Melanoma Institute Australia invites nurses to join their webinar on skin cancer prevention and risk reduction as part of their quarterly MIA nurses webinar series. The free one-hour webinar will cover the importance of prevention in skin cancer, advice on prevention strategies and other measures to reduce risk, and practical ways to empower patients and the community.

On Wednesday **22 June 2022, 3pm – 4pm NZST** (1pm - 2pm AEST)

[More information and to register](#)

For more educational content, visit the [Melanoma Education Portal](#).



The 2022 programme will feature two days of Dermoscopy Masterclass, on 21 and 22 July, presented by Professor Giuseppe Argenziano and Dr Aimilios Lallas, based on the popular Dermoscopy Excellence programme in Europe.

It will be followed by the two-day Skin and Skin Cancer Conference on 23 and 24 July, with the latest clinical content on skin cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment, aesthetic medicine and general dermatology.

[More information](#)

[View the programme](#)

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3rd Australasian Ocular Melanoma Alliance (AOMA) Summit

Now updated to be held on Saturday 30 July ONLY - in-person at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne or virtually.

[More information](#)



South GP CME will provide a general practice update with short, sharp and to the point clinical content, including key take home messages to change practice behaviour immediately.

- **Pre-conference workshop: *Dermoscopy*** (Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley)
- **Pre-conference workshops: *Skin Cancer Surgical Basic/Advanced Skills*** (Natalie Jamieson, Dylan James, Rebecca Stack, Jane Young)
- **Plenary session: *The Skin Cancer Pandemic***
 - *The size of the problem* (Professor David Whiteman)
 - *Non Melanoma Cancers* (Dr Niyati Sharma)
 - *Melanoma - An Ever Increasing Problem* (Dr Andrew MacGill)
 - *Effective Diagnosis and Screening* (Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley)
 - *Surgical Issues* (Dr Chris Boberg)
 - *Modern Systemic Therapies - How Good Are They?* (Dr Jody Jordan)
- **Workshop: *No-One Should Die of Melanoma*** (Dr Andrew MacGill)
- **Nurses programme: *Skin Cancer on the Rise*** (Dr Chris Boberg, Dr Andrew MacGill)

[More information](#)

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QRW 2022 is scheduled from 29 August to 1 September 2022. Registrations are now live to new delegates. The venue and format of the meetings will be the same as that proposed for the 2021 meetings. There are currently only limited spaces available.

[More information](#)

[View the programme](#)

[Register now](#)

Savings on HealthCert Courses

Use the special code EOFY22 to save up to 47% on HealthCert certificate courses, and save 10% on courses in skin cancer and dermoscopy using the code EOFY10P. Register by 30 June for the savings to apply.

[Browse courses](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

July

Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online

15 July - 26 August 2022

Online

[Find out more](#)

Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop

29 July - 1 August 2022

Brisbane, Australia

[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

30 - 31 July 2022

Brisbane, Australia

[Find out more](#)

August

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery

Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

6 - 7 August 2022

Adelaide, Australia

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Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Professional Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery

Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Surgery

Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Professional Diploma of Skin Cancer Surgery

13 - 14 August 2022

Brisbane, Australia

[Find out more](#)

**New Zealand Dermatological Society Incorporated
Conference and AGM**

17 – 20 August 2022

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

**New Zealand Dermatology Nurses' Society (NZDNS)
conference**

18 - 19 August 2022

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

20 - 21 August 2022

Sydney, Australia

[Find out more](#)

NZSCM Conference

25 – 27 August 2022

Queenstown

[Find out more](#)

**New Zealand Association of General Surgeons
(NZAGS) Annual Conference**

27 – 28 August 2022

Wellington

[Find out more](#)

31st Queenstown Molecular Biology Meeting

31 August - 1 September 2022

Queenstown

[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.

[Consistently higher rates of skin cancers in surfers and swimmers than in general Australian population](#)

[Global harmonization of tanning bed legislation in general and for minors in particular is required](#)

[Worldwide consensus guidelines for treatment of melanoma brain metastases: up-front combination immunotherapies or targeted therapies with or without stereotactic radiosurgery](#)

[Immunotherapy doublets - approved and novel combinations to optimize treatment in advanced melanoma](#)

[Adjuvant trials needed that will integrate biomarkers for better selection of patients who will truly benefit from adjuvant therapy](#)

[Potential role of Instagram as platform for improving awareness of skin cancer risks and benefits of prevention practices](#)



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