



MelNet update

20 November 2023

Dermoscopy of Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer online series | 4 October – 22 November 2023

Our *Dermoscopy of non-melanoma skin cancer* online series is coming to an end. If you have registered for this course but haven't received all of the seven email episodes, or the link to join the live discussion forum this Wednesday (22 November), please [contact us](#).

If you've missed this series – it's not too late - you can still register [here](#). We will send you each of the seven episodes and a recording of the discussion forum will be available to all registrants. Registration will close on 24 November 2023.

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2023 MelNet Annual General Meeting | 28 November 2023

Via Zoom videoconference
Tuesday 28 November 2023
7.30 – 8.00 pm
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4453635635>

We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 AGM to be held via Zoom videoconference next Tuesday. All members are warmly encouraged to attend.

The agenda and other documents, including biographies of the Executive Committee nominees, can be found in the members' area of the MelNet [website](#). You can also access them [here](#). Please have a quick read prior to the meeting.

Any member not represented at the AGM may appoint a proxy to speak and vote on their behalf. The appointment of a proxy must be in writing and signed by the member and state that: *I [member name] appoint [other member's name] to be my proxy at the AGM to be held via Zoom videoconference at 7.30 pm on 28 November 2023*. The proxy must be received by the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) no later than 10.00 am on the day of the AGM.

Please join the AGM via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4453635635> or email the [MelNet Chief Executive for a calendar invitation](#).

MelNet's 2023 online learning programme | Have you watched the recording?

If you were registered for a course as part of our 2023 online learning programme, we hope you have found it useful.

In case you were unable to attend live, remember to watch the recording if you haven't already done so. We will then email you a certificate of attendance and, if applicable, upload any CME credits to the relevant portal.

Don't forget the following deadlines by which we need to upload CME credits:

Dermoscopy made easy online course: 22 December 2023

Skin Cancer in the Elderly online course: 19 February 2024

If you attended live or watched the recording and haven't received your certificate of attendance, or if you need the link to the recording again, please [contact us](#).

Cancer Society's National Grant Round 2024 | An exciting opportunity to access funding for melanoma research

Expressions of interest for Cancer Society's National Research Grant Round 2024 are now open. The aim of the National Grant Round is to fund high-quality research across the cancer continuum including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and supportive care.

Specific funding is available for [melanoma research](#) for the Post-Doctoral Fellowships and PhD Scholarships. Details on the PhD scholarships will be announced early 2024. There are no strict criteria for the melanoma-specific funding other than it needs to have relevance to melanoma and fit into one of the grant categories.

The *application form and guidelines for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship EOI* can be found [here](#). Expressions of interest for the Post-Doctoral Fellowship close 7 February 2024.

The Cancer Society will also offer their 5-year Programme Grant in this round. The *application form and guidelines for the Programme Grant EOI* can be found [here](#). Expressions of interest for the Programme Grant close 15 December 2023.

[Find out more](#) or email nicole@cancer.org.nz

Goodfellow Symposium | 23 – 24 March 2024, Auckland

Earlybird registration is now open for next year's Goodfellow Symposium.

Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy course – Friday 22 March

We are pleased to advise that Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley will again run her popular pre-Symposium *Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy* course on Friday 22 March 2024. Co-hosted by MelNet, this workshop is intended for beginners, whether or not you own a dermatoscope. It aims to increase confidence in diagnosing typical benign skin lesions and learn how to spot melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers.

[Find out more](#) [Register now](#)

Other sessions of interest

The Symposium programme includes a lineup of speakers and topics designed to inspire and provide the full complement of 'Skills for Next Monday'.

Of particular interest may be dermatologist Paul Jarrett, a MelNet member, giving an update on the management of suspicious pigmented lesions.

Not skin cancer related but worth a mention is AJ Seine, the dermatologist representative on the National Melanoma Working Group, presenting on psoriasis and hair loss/alopecia.

[Find out more](#) [Register now](#)

Compliance with Quality Statements | Research

MelNet Executive Committee member Amanda Oakley and Haein Na analysed how Waikato hospital and primary care complied with the '*Quality Statements to Guide Diagnosis and Treatment of Melanoma in New Zealand*' for the diagnosis and treatment of melanoma and melanoma in situ (MIS). Their study showed that for 43 melanoma and 105 MIS, compliance across all melanoma services was poor, except for teledermatology response rates (100% compliance). From referral to first cancer treatment (Statement 2.1.1), compliance was 50% in general practice and 7.7% in Waikato Hospital. Histopathological reporting delays were also identified.

[Read the article](#)

In the media

Research: Non-melanoma skin cancers are more deadly than melanoma

A recent study has found that worldwide, more people are now dying of non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) than melanoma. While we have a pretty good idea of how many people across the world get melanoma each year, the numbers for NMSC are much less clear. However, we do know that the current official statistic of 1.2 million cases per year (compared to 325,000 for melanoma) is likely to be a substantial underestimate. This is because of inconsistencies in how data on NMSC cases are gathered and reported between different countries.

[Read the article](#)

Upcoming opportunities and events

Melanoma in situ: Diagnosis, management and patient wellbeing | MIA webinar on 12 December

The Melanoma Institute Australia invites you to their latest free educational webinar for Skin Cancer GPs, General GPs and Nurses. It features multidisciplinary experts discussing:

- How to recognise clinical presentations and diagnose MIS, best practice management and when to refer
- The dermatology nursing role for topical treatments for lentigo maligna
- Communicating the diagnosis to the patient and identifying when to offer support

Date: Tuesday 12 December 2023

Time: 3.00 – 4.00 pm NZDT (1.00 – 2.00 pm AEDT)

[Find out more](#)



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. You can choose to attend one of the conferences as a stand alone, or register for both at a discounted rate.

Three pre-conference workshops will also take place on Tuesday 10 September. These workshops will provide a forum for like-minded professionals to convene with their specialist colleagues to learn the latest developments, address current problems and develop new solutions. The workshops are:

- Shade, design and built environment for sun protection
- Sunscreens (formulations, regulations and behaviours)
- Multi-stakeholder forum – occupation and industry

Registration for these workshops will open on **4 December 2023**. Space is limited, so ensure you register early!

[Find out more](#)

Call for abstracts

Abstract submission for both conferences will open in February 2024.

Abstracts to support a session at the *6th International Conference on Ultraviolet Radiation and Skin Cancer Prevention* on the current state-of-play with respect to UV radiation are particularly encouraged. Possible topics might include:

- The feasibility of real time data / crowd-sourcing UV measures
- What we understand about climate change and the implications for UVR
- The capability of current UV forecasting – cloud cover, geography
- Sunsmart apps – how are they constructed and maintained? From where do they source their primary data?

If you are an interested researcher / practitioner / academic who would like the opportunity to present on this topic, please contact Stuart (Stuart.Henderson@arpansa.gov.au) for more information.

Other upcoming opportunities and events

January and February	ONLINE courses starting ANYTIME
<p>12th European School of Dermato-Oncology Update on Cutaneous Oncology (ESDO) 12 – 13 January 2024 Hybrid event: Berlin, Germany & online Find out more</p> <p>Melanoma 2024: 34th Annual Cutaneous Malignancy Update 26 – 28 January 2024 Hybrid event: San Diego, USA or virtual Find out more</p> <p>Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online Starts on 2 February 2024 Online Find out more</p> <p>20th Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies 10 February 2024 Online Find out more</p> <p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine Starts on 23 February 2024 Sydney, Australia Find out more</p> <p>The full 2024 MelNet events calendar will be published soon!</p>	<p>Certificate of Dermoscopy Aimed at beginners to advanced in the field of dermatoscopy and skin cancer. <i>Provider:</i> Skin Cancer Symposiums</p> <p>Introduction to Skin Cancer Introduction to the fundamentals of skin cancer medicine. <i>Provider:</i> Skin Cancer College Australasia</p> <p>Skin Cancer Medicine Acquire introductory to advanced skin cancer diagnosis and management knowledge. Some courses offer an optional practical workshop. <i>Provider:</i> HealthCert</p> <p>Skin Cancer Surgery Acquire introductory to advanced skin cancer surgery skills. Some courses offer an optional practical workshop. <i>Provider:</i> HealthCert</p> <p>Dermoscopy Improve diagnostic performance and clinical management of skin lesions by using dermatoscopy. <i>Provider:</i> HealthCert</p> <p>Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology Explores applications of dermatoscopy in diagnosing skin and hair conditions commonly seen in primary care. <i>Provider:</i> HealthCert</p> <p>Advanced Certificate of Histopathology for Dermoscopy Comprehensive guide to the principles of dermatopathology. <i>Provider:</i> HealthCert</p> <p>Certificate of Case Management: Dermoscopy Improve diagnostic accuracy using dermatoscopy. <i>Provider:</i> HealthCert</p>

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.

[Need to develop registries of NMSC to improve prevention strategies and prevent further increases in incidence](#)

[Proteasome inhibition potentiates Kv1.3 potassium channel expression as therapeutic target in drug-sensitive and -resistant human melanoma cells](#)

[Decoding the metastatic potential and optimal postoperative adjuvant therapy of melanoma based on metastasis score](#)

[International patterns and trends in the incidence of melanoma and cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma, 1989-2020](#)

[LAG3 inhibition for treating metastatic or unresectable melanoma has reduced efficacy in patients with type 2 diabetes](#)

[Immuno-metabolic dendritic cell vaccine signatures associate with overall survival in vaccinated melanoma patients](#)



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