



MelNet update

20 February 2024

Melanoma Mini-Summit and pre-Summit workshops | 10 – 11 May 2024, Christchurch

*** Registration for the Melanoma Mini-Summit is now open! ***

Melanoma Mini-Summit | Saturday 11 May 2024 | 8.30 am - 5.00 pm Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre, Christchurch

Join us to discuss the latest developments in melanoma prevention, diagnosis, clinical management, and research, and connect with melanoma expertise across the country.

All health professionals with an interest in melanoma are invited to attend. Don't miss out on this critical education opportunity and be sure to [register now](#).

The cost of attending is \$250 for nurses, registrars, dermoscopists/melanographers, students on a recognised training programme, allied health professionals, health promoters et al and \$375 for medical doctors.

The Mini-Summit has been endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) for up to 6.25 CME credits. Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) CPD participants can self-report their activities at 1 point per hour. Nurses will be provided with a certificate of attendance as evidence for their professional development portfolio.

[Find out more](#) [View the draft programme](#) [Register now](#)

To make the most of your time in Christchurch, join us for one of the two **pre-Summit workshops**. You do not need to attend the Melanoma Mini-Summit to sign up for these.

Skin Lesion and Dermoscopy course | Friday 10 May | 12.00 – 4.30 pm Turanga Christchurch Central Library

Presented by Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley, this beginners' Skin Lesion and Dermoscopy interactive workshop will describe the typical clinical and dermoscopic characteristics of common benign and malignant skin lesions. It aims to increase participants' confidence in evaluating and referring skin lesions. Attend whether or not you've already purchased a dermatoscope.

The course has been endorsed by RNZCGP for up to 4 CME credits. RACS CPD participants can self-report their activities at 1 point per hour. Nurses will be provided with a certificate of attendance as evidence for their professional development portfolio.

The cost of attending this course is \$345.

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

Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting | Friday 10 May | 12.30 - 3.30 pm Turanga Christchurch Central Library

The agenda at this special interest group meeting will showcase current New Zealand research, including research relating to circulating tumour ctDNA in melanoma. Join us and be part of an engaging discussion on how these transformative and relatively non-invasive genomic technologies fit into precision oncology for melanoma patients in New Zealand in future. Other topics to be announced shortly.

Attendance is free of charge, and basic video conferencing facilities will be available for those unable to attend in person.

To RSVP please email the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) noting whether you will be attending in person or virtually.

[Find out more](#)

Goodfellow Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy course | Register now

10.00 am – 5.00 pm, Friday 22 March 2024

Due Drop Events Centre, Auckland

It's not too late 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](#)

Upcoming opportunities and events

Current approaches in acral melanoma diagnosis and management (MIA webinar)

Tuesday 12 March 2024

3.30 – 4.30 pm (NZDT)

Acral melanoma is a rare form of melanoma occurring on the palms, soles or under the nails, often overlooked due to its uncommon location, making it crucial for healthcare professionals to recognise its signs for early diagnosis and treatment. Join Melanoma Institute Australia at this free webinar.

[Find out more and register](#)



The Goodfellow Symposium programme includes a lineup of speakers and topics designed to inspire and provide the full complement of 'Skills for Next Monday'. MelNet member and dermatologist Paul Jarrett will give an update on the management of suspicious pigmented lesions, and AJ Seine, the dermatologist representative on the National Melanoma Working Group, will present on psoriasis and hair loss/alopecia.

Connect with fellow primary care physicians, exchange ideas, and build lasting professional relationships. Share your experiences and learn from others in your field.

[More information](#)

RACS 92ND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS 2024

6 - 10 May 2024

Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre,
Ōtautahi Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand

Responsibility of a Surgeon



Explore the critical role that surgeons play in not only the surgical system, but in the broader healthcare community. The congress will delve into the ethical considerations, decision-making processes, and patient-centred care that define a surgeon's responsibility, while providing an opportunity to forge new connections and rekindle old acquaintances.

[More information](#)

[Register now](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

March

Pathology Update 2024

1 – 3 March 2024
Adelaide, Australia
[Find out more](#)

2024 AAD Annual Meeting

8 – 12 March 2024
San Diego, USA
[Find out more](#)

TROG Cancer Research's 36th Annual Scientific Meeting

12 - 15 March 2024
Newcastle, Australia
[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Starts on 15 March 2024
Online & practical workshop in Melbourne, Australia
[Find out more](#)

Introduction to Dermatoscopy 2024

16 March 2024
Auckland
[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Management 2024

17 March 2024
Auckland
[Find out more](#)

The role of surgery in the management of advanced NMSC

20 March 2024
Online
[Find out more](#)

NECTA Drug Development Meeting 2024

22 March 2024

April

20th EADO Congress

4 – 6 April 2024
Hybrid event: Paris, France & online
[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Dermoscopy – Online Starts on 5 April 2024

Online
[Find out more](#)

NZ Association of General Surgeons (NZAGS) Annual Scientific Meeting 2024

6 – 7 April 2024
Napier
[Find out more](#)

Advanced Skin Surgery

12 – 15 April 2024
Melbourne, Australia
[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer

Starts on 26 April 2024
Online & practical workshop in Peth, Australia
[Find out more](#)

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

Sydney, Australia

[Find out more](#)

**MelNet Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy Course –
Goodfellow Symposium Pre-Symposium Workshop**

22 March 2024

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

Online skin cancer education courses for Primary Care Practitioners starting anytime

[Advanced Certificate of Dermatoscopy](#) (Skin Cancer Symposiums)

[Introduction to Skin Cancer](#) (Skin Cancer College Australasia)

[Skin Cancer Medicine](#) (HealthCert)

[Skin Cancer Surgery](#) (HealthCert)

[Dermoscopy](#) (HealthCert)

[Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology](#) (HealthCert)

[Advanced Certificate of Histopathology for Dermoscopy](#) (HealthCert)

[Certificate of Case Management: Dermoscopy](#) (HealthCert)

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.

[Position statement of the EADV Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Task Force on AI-assisted smartphone apps and web-based services for skin disease](#)

[Combining dermatologists' knowledge with CNNs shows high performances for melanoma detection](#)

[MIA calculator to predict recurrence-free and overall survival for patients with stage II melanoma](#)

[Real-world health-related quality of life outcomes for patients with resected stage III/IV melanoma treated with adjuvant anti-PD1 therapy](#)

[Opportunities for improving skin cancer prevention activities in primary care](#)

[Smoking may be considered a risk factor for stage I and II melanoma disease progression](#)

[Review of current and pipeline drugs for treatment of melanoma](#)

[Implementing systematic melanoma risk assessment and risk-tailored surveillance in a skin cancer focussed dermatology clinic is feasible and acceptable](#)

[Adjuvant systemic therapy in melanoma: Relative versus absolute benefit](#)



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