



MelNet update

22 January 2024

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful break with your loved ones.

Make MelNet your chosen charity in 2024 | Donate to support our work

Help us reduce the incidence and impact of skin cancer in New Zealand this year by generously donating to MelNet.

Your donation will support our efforts to educate and connect healthcare practitioners working in skin cancer and advocate for improved skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, care and research. Most importantly it will help ensure the thousands of New Zealanders who develop skin cancer each year receive the best quality care.

MelNet's underlying belief is that building the capability and connectivity of health professionals whose role it is to detect and treat skin cancers is critical to reducing New Zealand's world leading incidence and mortality rates.

We are accomplishing this through:

- maintaining the '[Quality Statements](#)' – clinical guidelines which aim to achieve national consistency in the access and delivery of quality melanoma care
- the education and networking activities we coordinate for hundreds of health practitioners each year
- our advocacy efforts with various Government agencies
- providing a community for our 1300 members working across the spectrum of skin cancer care, a forum for the collective voice of skin cancer professionals and a central reputable source of information.

We rely on your generosity to continue this work. Make MelNet your chosen charity this year. [Donate here](#).

Your donation, no matter what size, will help.

Thank you for your support.

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Goodfellow Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy course | Register now

10.00 am – 5.00 pm, Friday 22 March 2024

Due Drop Events Centre, Auckland

[Register now](#) 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](#)

Melanoma meeting extravaganza | Save the date [10 – 11 May]

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting several melanoma meetings in Christchurch on **10 – 11 May** 2024.

10 May

- **Skin Lesion and Dermoscopy Course**

Join Adjunct Associate Professor Amanda Oakley at this beginner's dermoscopy course and increase your confidence in the diagnosis of typical benign skin lesions – whether you own a dermatoscope or not.

- **Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group meeting**

11 May

- **Melanoma mini-Summit**

While we had hoped to host the next New Zealand Melanoma Summit this year, our financial position means we are unable to resource and underwrite an event of this size. This one-day 'mini Summit' will bring together healthcare professionals working across the continuum of melanoma management. It is an opportunity to share and disseminate knowledge on recent developments, discuss pertinent topics, promote best practice and strengthen relationships as we continue to work together to reduce the incidence and impact of melanoma in New Zealand.

- **MelNet AGM**

Mark your calendars and save these dates. Further details will be coming soon, including how to register.

Recordings of 2023 online courses and CME credit uploads closing soon

Access to recordings for the following online courses is closing soon:

Skin Cancer in the Elderly online course: [19 February 2024](#)

Dermoscopy of non-melanoma skin cancer online series: [29 February 2024](#)

Dermoscopy made easy: [16 March 2024](#)

If you registered for one of these courses but haven't yet completed it, or would like to watch a recording again, we encourage you to do so soon.

Upon course completion we will email a certificate of attendance and, if applicable, upload any CME credits to the RNZCGP portal.

Skin Cancer 2024: Call for abstracts | 11 – 15 September 2024

[Skin Cancer 2024](#) in Brisbane features two skin cancer conferences back to back: 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.

Abstract submissions are now open. The submission deadline is 26 April 2024.

Interested in submitting an abstract? [Find out more](#)

Consumer NZ online sunscreen database

Consumer NZ has launched a database with information on 102 different sunscreens to help consumers decide which sunscreen to buy. It includes details about the sunscreens' ingredients, SPF, water-resistance claims and their type and price.

New regulations under the Fair Trading Act 1986 mean that in New Zealand, all primary sunscreens and insect repellents with an SPF of 4 or higher must be consistently and regularly tested to make sure they're effective, and must include clear guidelines about the SPF label and directions on how to apply them.

[View database](#)

Clinical trial on neoadjuvant therapy | NADINA

A clinical trial, developed by Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA) doctors and scientists in collaboration with international colleagues, has been named by the journal *Nature Medicine* as one of 11 clinical trials most likely to have an impact on global medicine in the coming year.

The NADINA clinical trial is testing the hypothesis that neoadjuvant treatment is more effective than adjuvant treatment in preventing recurrence after Stage III melanoma diagnosis. It is the world's first trial to compare neoadjuvant treatment with combination immunotherapy to the current standard adjuvant approach with single agent immunotherapy.

Upcoming opportunities and events



20TH
EADO
CONGRESS

April 4th–6th, 2024
PARIS, FRANCE
PALAIS DES CONGRÈS VERSAILLES

The European Association of Dermato-Oncology Congress is the largest conference in dermato-oncology worldwide. The meeting provides updated scientific and clinical achievements in a wide spectrum of skin tumours including melanoma, keratinocyte carcinomas and rare malignant neoplasms.

[More information](#)



This year's New Zealand Association of General Surgeons (NZAGS) Annual Conference will be held on 6 - 7 April in Napier. It will provide opportunities to hear from local and international colleagues on a wide range of topics and connect with colleagues face to face to strengthen clinical networks in this ever-changing environment.

[More information](#)



Join the 2024 Australasian Skin Cancer Congress from 3 – 5 May, either in person at the Gold Coast, Australia or virtually. Hear from respected experts, emerging leaders, and your peers. Whether you are an experienced practitioner or new to skin cancer medicine, the 2024 programme offers the opportunity to *engage and elevate* your skills.

Early bird registration is now open.

[More information](#)

[Register now](#)

Other upcoming opportunities and events

February, March

Certificate of Dermoscopy - Online

Starts on 2 February 2024

Online

[Find out more](#)

8th International Congress on Dermatology

8 – 9 February 2024

Barcelona, Spain

[Find out more](#)

20th Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies

10 February 2024

Online

[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Starts on 23 February 2024

Online & Sydney, Australia

[Find out more](#)

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](#)

25th World Dermatology Congress

14 – 15 March 2024

London, UK

[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Starts on 15 March 2024

Online & practical workshop in Melbourne, Australia

[Find out more](#)

Introduction to Dermoscopy 2024

16 March 2024

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

Certificate of Skin Cancer Management 2024

17 March 2024

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

NECTA Drug Development Meeting 2024

22 March 2024

Sydney, Australia

[Find out more](#)

MelNet Skin Lesion and Dermoscopy Course – Goodfellow Symposium Pre-Symposium Workshop

22 March 2024

Auckland

[Find out more](#)

ONLINE courses starting ANYTIME

[Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy](#)

Aimed at beginners to advanced in the field of dermoscopy and skin cancer.

Provider: Skin Cancer Symposiums

[Introduction to Skin Cancer](#)

Introduction to the fundamentals of skin cancer medicine.

Provider: Skin Cancer College Australasia

[Skin Cancer Medicine](#)

Acquire introductory to advanced skin cancer diagnosis and management knowledge. Some courses offer an optional practical workshop.

Provider: HealthCert

[Skin Cancer Surgery](#)

Acquire introductory to advanced skin cancer surgery skills. Some courses offer an optional practical workshop.

Provider: HealthCert

[Dermoscopy](#)

Improve diagnostic performance and clinical management of skin lesions by using dermoscopy.

Provider: HealthCert

[Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology](#)

Explores applications of dermoscopy in diagnosing skin and hair conditions commonly seen in primary care.

Provider: HealthCert

[Advanced Certificate of Histopathology for Dermoscopy](#)

Comprehensive guide to the principles of dermatopathology.

Provider: HealthCert

[Certificate of Case Management: Dermoscopy](#)

Improve diagnostic accuracy using dermoscopy.

Provider: HealthCert

Goodfellow Symposium

23 - 24 March 2024

Auckland

[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.

[Community pharmacies can play a positive role in skin cancer counselling](#)

[Review of predictive factors in metastatic melanoma treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors](#)

[Seasonal patterns of toxicity in melanoma patients treated with combination anti-PD-1 and anti-CTLA-4 immunotherapy](#)

[Sentinel lymph nodes in melanoma still necessary for optimal treatment](#)

[Spatial imaging technologies are just beginning to transform our understanding of melanoma biology](#)

[Photoacoustic imaging could aid in early diagnosis and classification of cutaneous melanoma](#)

[Association between statin use and reduced disease recurrence in resected cutaneous melanoma](#)



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