

## **Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses | Registration opening next month**

**Friday 14 November 2025**

**Clinical Education Centre, Auckland City Hospital**

MelNet and Auckland Cancer Nurse Coordinators are looking forward to this year's Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses, being held at Auckland City Hospital on Friday 14 November.

Registration is scheduled to open next month – keep an eye on your inbox. In the meantime, check out the programme [here](#).

The study day is targeted at primary and secondary care nurses and nursing students. It provides an overview of skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care. Participants should gain an increased understanding of the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse throughout this journey.

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## **Online education sessions on newly funded perioperative melanoma therapies | Recordings**

To support you in your practice and provide further insights into the use of Tafenlar® (dabrafenib) and Mekinist® (trametinib) in melanoma, Novartis hosted an educational webinar with Professor Mark Shackleton from Alfred Health and Monash University in Melbourne. The [recording](#) of this session is now available to view.

MelNet also hosted an online education session to help support the implementation of the newly funded perioperative melanoma therapies in New Zealand. The [recording](#) of this session is still available to view.

If you have any knowledge gaps or thoughts on other aspects of implementation that would be useful to learn more about, please [email us](#).

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## **News from Melanoma and Skin Cancer Trials (MASC Trials)**

**Help influence melanoma and skin cancer clinical research**

[Melanoma and Skin Cancer Trials \(MASC Trials\)](#) is the only independent, not-for-profit, multi-site collaborative clinical trials group focused on melanoma and skin cancer in Australia and New Zealand.

MASC Trials specialises in investigator-initiated research, working in collaboration with leading researchers to deliver clinical trials that improve outcomes for people affected by these cancers.

Through its Discipline-Specific Advisories (DSAs) – which comprise more than 250 members – MASC Trials provides a forum for researchers, clinicians, and patient representatives to share ideas, build partnerships, and advance clinical research through collaboration.

### **Get involved**

If you are actively involved in melanoma or skin cancer research and interested in joining a DSA, click the banner below to contact the MASC Trials Grants Team.

#### *Benefits:*

- Access peer review from multidisciplinary researchers and research networks
- A clear pathway to endorsement from MASC Trials
- Opportunity for mentoring/ collaboration from experienced clinical trialists
- Receive latest news from their clinical trial portfolio

#### *MASC Trials Discipline-Specific Advisories:*

- Dermatology
- Medical Oncology
- Nursing, Allied Health, Public Health & Primary Care
- Surgical Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Australasian Merkel Cell Research Interest Group (AMIGOs)

**FREE AND EASY TO APPLY | E: [grants@masc.org.au](mailto:grants@masc.org.au)**



### Consumer Advisory Panel

MASC Trials are seeking New Zealand based consumers with lived experience of melanoma and skin cancer to join their Consumer Advisory Panel. If you know of anyone who would be interested in participating, please email [hello@masc.org.au](mailto:hello@masc.org.au).



More info: [masc.org.au/cap/](https://masc.org.au/cap/)

### New podcast from MIA

#### Sentinel node biopsy in melanoma: Still recommended in 2025?

In this podcast, Melanoma Institute Australia (MIA) experts explore the evolving role of sentinel node biopsy (SNB) in melanoma management – particularly in the modern context of perioperative drug therapy.

[Listen now via the Melanoma Education Portal](#) (free log in required)



### Upcoming opportunities and events

#### New course: Certificate of Advanced Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery

Skin Cancer Symposia have announced a new course. The [Certificate of Advanced Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery Module 2025](#) will equip you with advanced medical and surgical skills, decision-making frameworks, and confidence to manage a broad range of skin cancers, and other cutaneous lesions, including those in cosmetically sensitive areas.

**Date:** 22 – 23 November 2025

**Location:** The Spender Hotel, Auckland

[Find out more](#)

#### Annual Surgeons' Meeting: Surgery 2025 | 4 – 5 September 2025 | Wellington



The highlight of RACS' Aotearoa New Zealand calendar, this event presents an opportunity for connection, reflection and the sharing of knowledge, bringing together surgeons from across RACS nine specialties and around the country.

The agenda features big-picture topics that are shaping the future of surgery including consent, registries (prostate cancer, breast implants, joint implants), and workforce planning, as well as delivering thoughtful sessions on compassionate leadership, cultural safety, and dealing with mistakes.

[Find out more](#)

**RCPA New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) | 19 – 21 September 2025 | Wellington**



This event will bring together pathologists and scientists from across the disciplines and from both sides of the Tasman to explore the future of diagnostics and patient care, and the vital role pathology plays in breaking down barriers to improve health outcomes for patients.

[Find out more](#)

**55th Annual Scientific Meeting of the New Zealand Society for Oncology | 9 – 11 October 2025 | Dunedin**



The theme of this meeting is “Cancer and our Community.”

For the first time, the programme features a free, open public plenary session, inviting the wider community to learn about the latest research and its real-world impact. Additionally, the inaugural Nurses and Allied Health Award will be presented, recognizing the vital contributions that all cancer care professionals make to translational cancer research.

[Find out more](#)

[Programme](#)

[Register now](#)

In conjunction with this conference, the next meeting of the [Melanoma Research and Therapy Special Interest Group](#) will be held on **Thursday 9 October**.

Dr. Ashani Weeraratna, a world-renowned melanoma translational scientist, will present at the meeting.

Please register to attend via the [NZSO website](#). For those wishing to attend the SIG meeting only, registration is \$80 for Allied Health Professionals/Nurses/Students, \$150 for Scientists and \$450 for Clinicians. This fee provides access to all Thursday SIG meetings and sessions – see the programme [here](#).

## Other upcoming opportunities and events

August	September
<p><b>Immuno-Oncology Summit 2025</b> 11 – 13 August 2025 Hybrid event: Philadelphia, USA &amp; online <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>South GP CME</b> 14 – 17 August 2025 Christchurch <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Masterclasses in Dermoscopy &amp; Surgery (HealthCert)</b> 15 – 16 August 2025 Brisbane, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> World Dermatology Congress</b> 20 – 21 August 2025 Paris, France <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>NZ Dermatological Society Inc (NZDSI) Annual Conference 2025</b> 20 – 23 August 2025 Wellington <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine (Skin Cancer College Australasia)</b> Starts on 22 August 2025 Online and practical workshop in Brisbane, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>NZAPS ASM 2025</b> 22 – 23 August 2025 Queenstown <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>NZ Society of Cosmetic Medicine (NZSCM) Conference 2025</b> 28 – 31 August 2025 Queenstown <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Dermoscopy – Online (Skin Cancer College Australasia)</b> Starts on 29 August 2025 Online <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>ANZHNCS ASM 2025</b> 29 – 31 August 2025 Adelaide, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>QMB2025 (Christchurch)</b> 31 August - 5 September 2025 Christchurch <a href="#">Find out more</a></p>	<p><b>Surgery 2025</b> 4 – 5 September 2025 Wellington <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>WONCA World Conference 2025</b> 17 – 21 September 2025 Lisbon, Portugal <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>RCPA NZ ASM 2025</b> 19 – 21 September 2025 Wellington <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop (Skin Cancer College Australasia)</b> 19 – 22 September 2025 Brisbane, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine (Skin Cancer College Australasia)</b> Starts on 26 September 2025 Online and practical workshop in Christchurch <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p>For more events see the <a href="#">MelNet events calendar</a></p>

**Online skin cancer education courses** for Primary Care Practitioners **starting anytime** can be found [here](#).

*Skin Cancer Symposiums*

[Advanced Certificate of Dermatoscopy](#)

[Dermatoscopy Masterclass](#)

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[Skin Cancer Medicine](#)

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These are on hold for now while our website is out of action. We hope to be up and running again soon.



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