



21 November 2025

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**Goodfellow-MelNet Dermatoscopy and Skin Cancer Diagnosis workshop** | Build your confidence in diagnosing skin lesions

**Friday 20 March 2026, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm**

**Due Drop Events Centre, Auckland**

We are delighted that Honorary Professor and Dermatologist Amanda Oakley will present another pre-Goodfellow Symposium workshop on *Skin Lesions and Dermatoscopy*.

This beginner's workshop is designed to boost confidence in diagnosing typical benign skin lesions, as well as how to spot melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. All health professionals undertaking skin examinations are invited to attend, whether or not you own a dermatoscope.

Co-hosted by MelNet and the Goodfellow Symposium, this pre-Symposium workshop is endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and approved by the College of Nurses Aotearoa NZ for professional development purposes.

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

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**New Zealand Melanoma Clinical Guidelines** | Consultation now closed

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the *DRAFT New Zealand Melanoma Clinical Guidelines*. The National Melanoma Working Group (NMWG), with support from MelNet, is now reviewing the feedback received.

An updated version is expected to be published on the MelNet website early next year.

[Further information](#) is available on the MelNet website.

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**2026 New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit: 18 – 20 June 2026** | Have you marked your diary?

The 2026 New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit is shaping up to be an event you won't want to miss. It will be the first Summit under our new name, Skin Cancer New Zealand, and the first to cover all types of skin cancer, not just melanoma.

Our theme "Equity in action: Bridging gaps for skin cancer" reflects our commitment to ensuring prevention, early detection, treatment, and support are accessible and equitable for everyone. The programme will feature engaging keynote presentations and interactive panels showcasing innovative research, practical strategies, and collaborative approaches.

Two optional pre-Summit workshops will be held on 18 June – one on advanced dermoscopy and one on skin cancer surgery.

Registration is scheduled to open in February.

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



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## Helpful Insights

### ***Melanoma Institute Australia's Education Portal (free login required)***

#### **Overdiagnosis or early detection? The controversy of melanoma in situ**

In this podcast, experts from dermatology, pathology, psychology and research come together to explore the drivers of overdiagnosis, the psychological impact of an MIS label, and the role of emerging diagnostic tools and data.

[Listen now](#)

#### **Lecture recordings of recent educational events**

[Reconsidering the surgical approach in cutaneous melanoma | 11 min](#)

[Cutaneous immune and targeted therapy related adverse events | 11 min](#)

[Topical treatments in lentigo maligna | 60 mins](#)

#### ***HealthCert's podcast series: Life by a Thousand Cuts***

In the podcast “*SPF testing: What GPs should know about sunscreen controversies*”, A/Prof Tony Dicker examines recent sunscreen controversies, SPF testing, and how GPs can reassure concerned patients.

Please note that this podcast is based on Australian regulations. Some content may not apply to New Zealand.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

The podcast “*Can curettage alone be curative for skin cancer?*” looks at how effective curettage is on its own as a definitive treatment. A/Prof Tony Dicker takes a closer look at a new study published in *Dermatologic Surgery* exploring five-year recurrence rates following curettage-only management of keratinocyte carcinomas.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

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## Upcoming opportunities and events

### **HealthCert Black Friday offer: 15% off all courses this November**

All HealthCert courses are discounted by 15% until 30 November 2025. Enrol now to complete your 2025 professional development, or take advantage of the savings to upskill in 2026 at a reduced rate. Use code [BF2025](#) to save 15% until 30 November 2025.

[Skin Cancer Medicine courses](#)   [Skin Cancer Surgery courses](#)   [Dermoscopy courses](#)



**Skills for Next Monday: 21 – 22 March 2026**

The next Goodfellow Symposium features a strong lineup of speakers and topics. You may find the following sessions of particular interest:

Pre-Symposium workshops (Friday 20 March):

*Skin Lesion and Dermatoscopy* – Honorary Professor, Dermatologist Amanda Oakley  
*The Cutting Edge: Surgical Skills* (Intermediate and Advanced) - Mr Rajan Patel, Head and Neck Surgeon

Sessions:

*Beyond chemotherapy: A guide to evolving paradigms in cancer care* – Dr Gareth Rivalland, Medical Oncologist  
*11 most common dermatological presentations* – Dr Monique Mackenzie

Earlybird registration is available until 14 January 2026.

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

**Other upcoming opportunities and events**

December - January	February
<p><b>36<sup>th</sup> Annual Melanoma and Cutaneous Oncology Symposium 2026</b>            24 – 25 January 2026            San Diego, California, USA  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p>	<p><b>Certificate of Dermoscopy – Online</b> (Skin Cancer College Australasia)            Starts on 6 February 2026            Online  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Advanced Clinical Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine &amp; Surgery</b> (Skin Cancer College Australasia)            Starts on 6 February 2026            Online  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Advanced Clinical Certificate of Dermoscopy</b> (Skin Cancer College Australasia)            Starts on 6 February 2026            Online  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>IO360° 2026</b>            10 – 12 February 2026            Boston, MA, USA  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> (Skin Cancer College Australasia)            Starts on 20 February 2026            Online and practical workshop in Sydney, Australia  <a href="#">Find out more</a></p>

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies**

21 February 2026

Beverly Hills, California, USA

[Find out more](#)

**Skin Cancer Education targeted at Primary Care Practitioners** can be found [here](#).

Courses starting **anytime**:

*Skin Cancer Symposiums*

[Advanced Certificate of Dermatoscopy](#)

[Dermatoscopy Masterclass](#)

[Mini course \(free\): Dermatoscopy and Melanomas](#)

*Skin Cancer College Australasia*

[Introduction to Skin Cancer](#)

*HealthCert*

[Skin Cancer Medicine](#)

[Skin Cancer Surgery](#)

[Dermoscopy](#)

[Medical Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology](#)

[Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology](#)

[Advanced Certificate of Histopathology for Dermoscopy](#)

[Masterclass in Dermoscopy](#)

## Recent MelNet website news postings

Below is a selection of recent news postings on the MelNet website. Please visit the [website](#) to view all the latest news items.

[Adjuvant cemiplimab therapy led to longer disease-free survival than placebo among patients at high risk for recurrence of cutaneous SCC](#)

[Inherited mitochondrial genetics as a predictor of immune checkpoint inhibition efficacy in melanoma](#)

[SPOTS \(Sun Protection Outreach Teaching by Students\) programme demonstrated significant improvements in adolescents' knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors toward sun protection](#)

[Pembrolizumab-related toxicity in patients with advanced melanoma at Wellington and Waikato hospitals](#)

[Expansion of a circulating Ki67-positive effector T-cell population following combined PD-1 and CTLA-4 blockade for melanoma is predictive of treatment response](#)

[Life factors and melanoma: from the macroscopic state to the molecular mechanism](#)

[International survey on evidence for index lymph node surgery after neoadjuvant systemic therapy for stage III melanoma](#)



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