

Spotlight  
on



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## New look, same commitment

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter under our new brand! While our name and look have changed, our dedication to preventing skin cancer, supporting early detection, and improving outcomes for all New Zealanders remains the same.

Our work continues - with the same mission, renewed energy, and a bold new identity.

**Register now! New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit 18-20 June 2026**

## Early bird registrations are open for the New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit

Refresh and grow your skin cancer expertise through keynote presentations and interactive panels showcasing innovative research, practical strategies, and collaborative approaches. Together, we'll explore how New Zealand can better prevent, detect, and treat all forms of skin cancer - not just melanoma - while ensuring care is accessible and equitable for everyone.

**18 June: Optional workshops** - attend one or both:

- **Skin Surgery Masterclass** (morning)
- **Advanced Dermoscopy Masterclass** (afternoon)

**19-20 June: New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit**

[Find out more about the Summit and register now](#)

**SkinSkills: Build your confidence in diagnosing skin lesions**

## Attend a Skin Lesions and Dermoscopy workshop

10:00 am – 5:00 pm, 20 March 2026 | Goodfellow Symposium - Skin Cancer NZ (MelNet) | Due Drop Events Centre, Auckland

Join us at this beginner's workshop designed to boost your confidence in diagnosing typical benign skin lesions and identifying melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. All health professionals undertaking skin examinations are invited to attend. You do not need to own a dermatoscope. Presented by Honorary Professor and Dermatologist Amanda Oakley.

This 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 about the workshop and register now](#)

### **Connect: Skin Cancer NZ on LinkedIn**

**Connect with us on LinkedIn** and stay up to date with the latest skin cancer news, education opportunities, clinical resources, and other updates. By following Skin Cancer NZ, you'll also join a growing community of health professionals committed to improving skin cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, care and research in New Zealand.

### **Spot on Insights: SunSmart or SunSlack?**

**Watch this webinar recording: SunSmart or SunSlack? A closer look at UV protection in Aotearoa**

Gain insights into New Zealanders' attitudes, behaviours, and gaps in understanding around sun protection and UV exposure. Find out what needs to change to better protect our communities from the sun and tackle our persistently high skin cancer rates. Presented by Dr Bronwen McNoe, Senior Research Fellow at University of Otago, and Gemma Bevan from the Cancer Society of New Zealand.

[Watch the webinar recording](#)

### **Practice Insights: Why Mohs surgery is different from standard excision**

Hear from Associate Professor Tony Dicker in this episode of *Life by a Thousand Cuts* as he explains what Mohs surgery involves, how it differs from standard excision, and the clinical situations where it adds real value.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

### **SkinPros: What's on - Skin Cancer NZ (MelNet)**

Join us at our upcoming Skin Cancer NZ events:

- **[Skin Lesions and Dermatoscopy Course \(Pre-Goodfellow Symposium Workshop\)](#)** - 20 March 2026, Auckland

- **Skin Surgery Masterclass** - 18 June 2026, Wellington
- **Advanced Dermoscopy Masterclass** - 18 June 2026, Wellington
- **New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit** - 18-20 June 2026, Wellington

## SkinWise: What's on

See the Skin Cancer NZ events calendar online for [more information about these events](#).

### In New Zealand

- **Taranaki Medical Foundation 60th Anniversary Fundraiser Golf Tournament** – 9 March 2026, Kaitake Golf Club, New Plymouth
- **Skin Lesions and Dermoscopy Course (Pre-Goodfellow Symposium Workshop)** – 20 March 2026, Auckland
- **Goodfellow Symposium** – 21-22 March 2026, Auckland
- **NZAGS Annual Scientific Meeting** – 21-22 March 2026, Dunedin

### Online

- **Certificate of Dermoscopy** – Starts 27 March 2026, Skin Cancer College Australasia
- **Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine** – Starts 27 March 2026, Skin Cancer College Australasia (with practical workshop in Brisbane)

### International

- **Royal College of Pathologists Australasia (RCPA) Pathology Update** – 6-8 March 2026, Sydney, Australia
- **38<sup>th</sup> TROG Cancer Research Annual Scientific Meeting** – 17-20 March 2026, Melbourne, Australia
- **Certificate of Dermoscopy** – 21-22 March 2026, Skin Cancer Symposiums, Melbourne, Australia
- **WONCA Asia Pacific** – 25-27 March 2026, Iloilo City, Philippines

See the Skin Cancer NZ calendar for [more upcoming events](#).

[Email us](#) if you'd like us to add your event.

## Primary Care Practitioners: Learn on demand anytime

- **Introduction to Skin Cancer**, Skin Cancer College Australasia
- **Skin Cancer Medicine**, HealthCert
- **Skin Cancer Surgery**, HealthCert
- **Dermoscopy**, HealthCert
- **Dermoscopy and Melanomas** (free mini course), Skin Cancer Symposiums
- **Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy**, Skin Cancer Symposiums
- **Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology**, HealthCert
- **Medical Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology**, HealthCert

- **Dermatoscopy Masterclass**, Skin Cancer Symposiums
- **Masterclass in Dermoscopy**, HealthCert
- **Advanced Certificate of Histopathology for Dermoscopy**, HealthCert
- **Professional Certificate of Advanced Dermatoscopy**, Skin Cancer Symposiums
- **General Practice Fellowship Certificate of Advanced Dermatoscopy**, Skin Cancer Symposiums

[Information about skin cancer education for primary care practitioners](#) is available online.

## Skin Matters: In the News

Keep up to date with the latest skin cancer news. Read these articles and more on our website:

- *Circulating tumor and major pathological response are poor predictors of recurrence following neoadjuvant immunotherapy and targeted therapy for stage III melanoma patients*, Therapeutic Advances in Medical Oncology [Read article](#)
- *Skin cancer awareness and sun protection advice for outdoor workers in Australia: Review of communication channels to optimise reach and relevance*, Digital Health [Read article](#)
- *Prospective tumour mutation burden and neoantigen profiling predicts immunotherapy response in metastatic melanoma*, npj Precision Oncology [Read article](#)
- *Skin cancer in residential care facilities: review of risk, diagnosis, psychosocial impact, and management*, Cureus [Read article](#)
- *Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) engineered T-cell immunotherapy of malignant melanoma*, Expert Review of Clinical Immunology [Read article](#)
- *Implementation of ultrasound and fine-needle aspiration cytology (FNAC) prior to sentinel lymph node biopsy in melanoma enables neoadjuvant immunotherapy and is cost saving*, eClinicalMedicine [Read article](#)
- *Neoadjuvant ipilimumab plus nivolumab in melanoma: 5-year survival and biomarker analysis from the phase 2 PRADO-trial*, Nature Medicine [Read article](#)
- *Non-melanoma skin cancer in transplant recipients: need for sustained, long-term dermatologic surveillance, particularly in older patients*, Clinical Transplantation [Read article](#)

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