



# 2026 New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit

**Thursday 18 to Saturday 20 June 2026**  
**InterContinental, Wellington**

**DRAFT Programme**

## Equity in Action: Bridging gaps for skin cancer

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### Optional pre-Summit workshops

<b>9.00 am – 12.30 pm</b>	<p><b>Skin Surgery Masterclass</b></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Dr Susan Seifried – General and Endoscopic Surgeon, Nelson Marlborough Hospital Mr Dan Butler – Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Tauranga Hospital Dr Marc Lawrence – Consultant Dermatologist, MOHs Surgeon</p> <p>This Masterclass aims to increase your confidence in performing more advanced surgical techniques which can be accomplished in a primary care setting.</p> <p>Targeted at General Practitioners and other healthcare professionals who are confident with common surgical procedures and would like to upskill to the next level, this interactive workshop will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower limb: surgical pearls with a focus on keystone flaps</li><li>• Ear reconstruction and grafts: techniques and best practices</li><li>• Scalp closures: tips and tricks with a focus on flap geometry</li></ul> <p><b>Important Note:</b> This workshop is theoretical in nature; no hands-on surgery will be conducted during the session.</p>
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**1.30 – 4.30 pm**

**Advanced Dermoscopy Masterclass**

*Presenters:*

Professor Cliff Rosendahl

Honorary Professor Amanda Oakley, Dermatologist

This Masterclass is designed to deepen your understanding of dermoscopy and refine your skills in diagnosing complex skin lesions with greater accuracy. Through a blend of advanced theory and practical case studies, this interactive workshop will elevate your diagnostic abilities.



## Friday 19 June 2026

<b>8.00 am</b>	Registration opens
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Summit opening</b> 9.00 am [Conference convenor] Welcome and housekeeping 9.10 am [TBC] Achieving health equity in New Zealand 9.30 am [A/Prof. Alexander van Akkooi] The role of coordinated care in achieving equity 10.00 am [Patient representative] Patient challenge
<b>10.15 am</b>	Morning tea
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Session 1: A coordinated approach to skin cancer prevention and early detection</b> 10.45 am [TBC] The future of skin cancer prevention in New Zealand 11.05 am [Prof. Rachel Neale] Balancing Vitamin D and sun exposure 11.25 am [Honorary Prof. Amanda Oakley, Dermatologist] Innovations in skin cancer early detection 11.45 am Session 1 discussion
<b>12.00 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>12.45 pm</b>	MelNet AGM
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Session 2: Improving skin cancer outcomes in New Zealand</b> 1.00 pm [Dr Gareth Rivalland] Current and future skin cancer trials in New Zealand 1.20 pm [Prof. Cris Print] Taking research from lab to clinic 1.40 pm [TBC] High Value Healthcare and Decision making
<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Session 3: Decoding skin cancer care</b> 2.00 pm [Dr Jeat Lee] Demystifying radiotherapy 2.20 pm [Dr Lavinia Spain] Demystifying immunotherapy



	2.40 pm      Session 2 and 3 discussion
<b>3.00 pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>3.30 pm</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Moving towards coordinated care models</b></p> <p>3.30 pm      <i>[Dr Keith Monnington]</i> Skin cancer treatment pathways in primary care</p> <p>3.50 pm      <i>[Dr Mark Fry]</i> Setting up the Nelson Skin Service</p> <p>4.10 pm      <i>[Rebecca Johnson, Australia National Melanoma Nurses Programme Manager]</i> Nurses role in the pathway – helping to ease the skin cancer workload</p> <p>4.30pm      Session 4 discussion</p>
<b>4.55 pm</b>	<b>Day 1 closing address</b>
<b>5.15 pm</b>	Day 1 close
<b>5.15 – 6.30 pm</b>	Networking reception

## Saturday 20 June

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Day 2 welcome</b>
<b>8.05 am</b>	<p><b>Session 5: Skin cancer management – Part 1</b></p> <p>8.05 am      <i>[Victoria Francis]</i> Radiology staging and surveillance in melanoma and NMSC</p> <p>8.25 am      <i>[Dr Marc Lawrence]</i> Role of topical treatments in pre-malignant/early skin cancer management</p> <p>8.45 am      <i>[Dr Lavinia Spain]</i> Immunotherapy mechanism and resultant toxicity</p> <p>9.05 am      Session 5 discussion</p>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<p><b>Session 6: Addressing challenging cases through clinical collaboration</b></p> <p>MDM panel – ‘grey area’ clinical scenarios case discussion</p>
<b>10.30 am</b>	Morning tea



11.00 am	<p><b>Session 7: Concurrent breakout sessions</b></p> <p>[7A] Nurses Special Interest Group  <i>This session introduces the Nursing Special Interest Group's work on a clinical guideline and care pathway for skin cancer nursing, focusing on how it supports best practice, role clarity, and high-quality patient care.</i></p> <p>[7B] GP Special Interest Group  <i>This session will address the practical challenges of assessing borderline pigmented lesions. It will include an update from a pathologist's perspective, and use real cases, to explore diagnostic dilemmas and tricky clinical decisions.</i></p> <p>[7C] Advanced melanoma management SIG  <i>Designed for clinicians managing advanced melanoma, this interactive session will review real patient cases in an MDM format. It will highlight recent advances in neoadjuvant melanoma care and BRAF-mutated melanoma and their interplay with surgical management, with a focus on practical clinical decision-making and multidisciplinary discussion.</i></p>
12.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	<p><b>Session 8: Skin cancer management – Part 2</b></p> <p>1.00pm [Dr Catherine Bennett] Medical oncology advances in NMSC</p> <p>1.25 pm [A/Prof. Alexander van Akkooi] Neoadjuvant Therapy from a Surgeon's perspective</p> <p>1.50 pm [Dr Jeat Lee] The role of radiation therapy in skin cancer management</p> <p>2.15pm Session 8 discussion</p>
2.30 pm	Afternoon tea
3.00 pm	<p><b>Session 9: Tools and guidelines to empower best practice skin cancer management</b></p> <p>3.00 pm [Dr Susan Seifried] Quality Statements: Defining best practice melanoma management</p> <p>3.15 pm [Abbie Cameron] Support services for patients</p> <p>3.30 pm [TBC] Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Guidelines</p> <p>3.45 pm [TBC] Driving improvements through quality performance indicators and health informatics</p> <p>4.00 pm Session 9 discussion</p>



<b>4.15 pm</b>	<b>Where to from here? Panel session discussion</b>
<b>4.45 pm</b>	<b>Wrap up and formal close</b>
<b>5.00 pm</b>	Conference closes