

Spotlight  
on



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## Don't miss your place: NZ Skin Cancer Summit 18-20 June

### An event not to be missed

With just seven weeks to go, now is the time to secure your place at the **New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit 2026**, taking place 18 – 20 June in Wellington.

The **two-day Summit (19 – 20 June)** brings together clinicians, researchers and other health professionals to focus on practical, evidence-based approaches to strengthening prevention, improving early detection, and optimising treatment pathways for all skin cancers.

Expect a dynamic mix of keynote presentations, expert panels, and interactive sessions showcasing the latest research and real-world strategies you can apply in your practice.

This year's theme "Equity in action: Bridging gaps for skin cancer care" places a strong emphasis on improving equity, consistency, and outcomes in skin cancer care nationwide.

Don't miss the opportunity to take part in one of our **optional pre-Summit masterclasses (18 June)**:

- **Skin Surgery Masterclass** (morning)  
Designed to build confidence in performing advanced skin surgery techniques suitable for a primary care setting. The session is ideal for GPs and other health professionals who are already confident in common surgical procedures and are looking to take their skills to the next level.  
*Presenters:* Dr Susan Seifried, Mr Dan Butler, Dr Marc Lawrence
- **Advanced Dermoscopy Masterclass** (afternoon)  
A deep dive into dermoscopy, designed to improve diagnostic accuracy and confidence when assessing complex skin lesions.  
*Presenters:* Honorary Professor Amanda Oakley and Professor Cliff Rosendahl

Spaces are filling quickly – don't miss your chance to be part of this important national event.

[Register now or find out more](#)

With special thanks to our **Summit supporters**

*The Summit has been endorsed by RNZCGP and approved for up to 26 CME credits for CPD purposes. The Skin Surgery Masterclass has been approved for up to 6 CME credits, and the Advanced Dermoscopy Masterclass has been approved for up to 5 CME credits for CPD purposes.*

## Reminder of Skin Cancer New Zealand AGM: 19 June 2026

### Join us at the InterContinental Wellington

The Skin Cancer New Zealand AGM will be held at the InterContinental Wellington from 12.45 – 1.00 pm on Friday 19 June 2026, as part of the New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit.

Members are invited to submit remits or other matters to be considered at the AGM to the [Skin Cancer New Zealand Chief Executive](#) no later than 5.00 pm Friday 5 June 2026.

## Skin Cancer NZ member portal: Coming soon

### Member portal for our new website nearing completion

We are currently finalising the member portal as part of our new website. We will be in touch with your login details and further information as soon as it's live. We appreciate your patience while this final stage is completed.

In the meantime, please feel free to explore the resources and information available on our [new website](#) if you haven't already had the chance. We'd love to hear your [feedback](#).

## Pharmac widens funded access: Nivolumab and ipilimumab

### A significant step forward for people with resectable stage IIIB and IV melanoma - effective 1 May 2026

Skin Cancer NZ welcomes Pharmac's decision to widen funded access to nivolumab and ipilimumab for people with resectable stage IIIB and IV melanoma from 1 May 2026.

This is an important step forward in improving outcomes for people with resectable melanoma. Patients will now be able to access effective treatment sooner, helping to reduce the risk of the cancer returning.

#### What this means for patients:

Eligible patients will now have access to funded:

- Neoadjuvant immunotherapy – nivolumab and ipilimumab given before surgery to shrink the tumour and improve the response to surgery.
- Adjuvant immunotherapy – nivolumab given after surgery for patients who need additional treatment.

We sincerely thank our oncology representatives for their expert advice and everyone who contributed feedback.

[More information](#)

## Spot on Insights: UVA exposure & melanoma risk

### HealthCert webinar replay: Melanoma pathophysiology, UVA exposure and prevention

In this webinar and Q&A session, Prof Pascale Guitera (Melanoma Institute Australia) unpacks the pathophysiology of melanoma, with a focus on UVA exposure, year-round photoprotection, and what this means for everyday general practice.

[Watch the recording on HealthCert's blog](#)

## SkinPros: What's on at Skin Cancer NZ

Join us at our upcoming Skin Cancer NZ events:

- [Skin Surgery Masterclass](#) - 18 June 2026, Wellington
- [Advanced Dermoscopy Masterclass](#) - 18 June 2026, Wellington
- [New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit](#) - 19-20 June 2026, Wellington

## SkinWise: What's on

### In New Zealand

- **Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery 2026** – 2 May, Skin Cancer Symposiums, Auckland
- **Certificate of Advanced Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery 2026** – 2-3 May, Skin Cancer Symposiums, Auckland

### Online

- **High risk cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (webinar)** – 12 May, Goodfellow Symposium
- **Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine** – starts on 15 May, with practical workshop in Sydney, Skin Cancer College Australasia
- **Certificate of Dermoscopy** – starts on 15 May, Skin Cancer College Australasia
- **Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop** – starts on 29 May, with practical workshop in Sydney

## Hybrid

- **Photoprotection in the high-risk patient and navigating UV science** – 14 May, Melanoma Institute Australia (online and Wollstonecraft, Australia)
- **Australasian Skin Cancer Congress 2026** – 22-24 May, Skin Cancer College Australasia (online and Brisbane, Australia)
- **ASCO Annual Meeting** – 29 May – 2 June (online and Chicago, USA)

## International

- **Melanoma and Skin Cancer Nurse Symposium** – 7 May, Sydney, Australia
- **Australasian College of Dermatologists Annual Scientific Meeting** – 16-18 May, Melbourne

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

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

## Primary Care Practitioners: Learn on demand anytime

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

## Skin Matters: In the News

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

- *Experts call for update to melanoma imaging guidelines*, Melanoma and Cutaneous Oncology [Read article](#)
- *Sunscreen remains key in preventing skin cancer in immunocompetent adults*, Clinical and Experimental Dermatology [Read article](#)

- *Making UV visible: a NSW prevention campaign targeting young adults*, Public Health Research & Practice [Read article](#)
- *Genetics improves melanoma risk prediction*, British Journal of Dermatology [Read article](#)
- *Nurse-led models improve access to early skin cancer detection in regional communities*, Australian Journal of Rural Health [Read more](#)
- *Unclear link between occupational sun exposure and melanoma risk*, Australasian Journal of Dermatology [Read article](#)

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