

Spotlight  
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May 2026

## Standard registration closing soon: NZ Skin Cancer Summit 18-20 June

### Register now to avoid late registration fees

One month to go! With standard registration closing on 30 May, now is the time to secure your place at the **NZ Skin Cancer Summit**, taking place on 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. The Summit 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.

Two half-day **optional pre-Summit Masterclasses** are scheduled for **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  
\*\* This Masterclass is almost full. Register now to avoid disappointment. \*\*

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 Foundation Club: Leave a lasting legacy

### Skin Cancer NZ's 100 Founding Members

2026 marks the year that MelNet becomes Skin Cancer NZ. To support our launch, you are invited to join as a Founding Member - a unique, one-time opportunity to be part of the journey from the very beginning and play a vital role in shaping the future of skin cancer prevention, detection and treatment in New Zealand.

Founding Club membership levels are Bronze (\$1,000), Silver (\$2,500) and Gold (\$5,000+). Membership is limited to **100 places** and secured through a single, one-off donation (no ongoing commitment).

[Find out more](#)

## Redefining Immunotherapy: Lessons from Melanoma

### MIA vodcast series

Across five episodes, this video podcast series unpacks the science behind immune evasion and checkpoint inhibitors, the quest for smarter treatment decisions and biomarkers, practical approaches to toxicity management, evolving melanoma treatment strategies, and the future promise and limitations of immunotherapy.

Led by Prof Georgina Long AO and featuring world-leading experts at the forefront of cancer immunotherapy, the series combines cutting-edge research with real-world clinical insight, exploring how melanoma has transformed our understanding of cancer treatment and how these lessons are continuing to influence oncology more broadly across tumour types.

New episodes will be released weekly on [Spotify](#), [YouTube](#) and the [Melanoma Education Portal](#) (free log-in required). Search “Melanoma Insights for Professionals” to subscribe.

## 2026 Concept Development Workshop: MASC Trials

### Virtual workshop in Melbourne on 25 June

If you have a research concept you would like to further develop, or if you would like to join discussions to help shape presented proposals, we encourage you to attend MASC Trials' hybrid half-day [Concept Development Workshop](#).

The free workshop aims to identify and address gaps in melanoma or skin cancer research. The workshop provides a supportive environment for intensive input on study design and methodology from a multi-disciplinary faculty with expertise in melanoma and skin cancer, biostatistics, health economics, quality of life, - alongside valuable input from consumers with lived experience.

[Find out more](#)

### New Concept Submission:

If you have a new research concept, please submit the completed [New Research Concept Form](#) to [katja.loewe@masc.org.au](mailto:katja.loewe@masc.org.au) by COB, **8 June 2026**.

## 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

- [GP CME](#) – 11-14 June, Rotorua

### Online

- [Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine](#) – starts on 26 June, with practical workshop in Christchurch, Skin Cancer College Australasia

### Hybrid

- [7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Dermatology and Cosmetology](#) – 22-24 June (online and Barcelona, Spain)
- [2026 Concept Development Workshop](#) – 25 June, MASC Trials (online and Melbourne)

- **ASCO Breakthrough** – 25-27 June (online and Singapore)
- **16<sup>th</sup> European Post Chicago Meeting** – 25-26 June (online and Hamburg, Germany)
- **14<sup>th</sup> European School of Dermato-Oncology** – 26-27 June (online and Hamburg, Germany)

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.

## Skin Matters: In the News

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

- *Repair balm may improve tolerability of topical 5-fluorouracil treatment for actinic keratosis*, Dermatology and Therapy [Read article](#)
- *Topical cream activates immune response to suppress tumor growth of cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (cSCC)*, Journal of Clinical Investigation [Read article](#)
- *Perceived costs of UVR protection and appearance-based rewards of tanning are key attributes of adolescent UVR exposure*, Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention [Read article](#)

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