

2026 New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit **DRAFT** programme

18 – 20 June 2026
InterContinental Wellington

Equity in Action: Bridging gaps for skin cancer

Thursday 18 June 2026: **Optional pre-Summit workshops**

9.00 am
to 12.30 pm

Skin Surgery Masterclass

This Masterclass aims to increase confidence in performing more advanced surgical techniques which can be accomplished in a primary care setting.

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:

- Lower limb: surgical pearls with a focus on keystone flaps and BTM
- Ear reconstruction and grafts: techniques and best practices
- Scalp closures: tips and tricks with a focus on flap geometry




Presenters:

- 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

Important Note:

This workshop is theoretical in nature; no hands-on surgery will be conducted during the session.

1.30 pm to 4.30 pm	<p>Advanced Dermoscopy Masterclass</p> <p>This Masterclass is designed to deepen understanding of dermoscopy and refine skills in diagnosing complex skin lesions with greater accuracy. Through a blend of advanced theory and practical case studies, this interactive workshop will elevate diagnostic abilities.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Cliff Rosendahl, GP with special interest in skin cancer, University of Queensland, Australia • Honorary Professor Amanda Oakley, Dermatologist, Health New Zealand Waikato
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Friday 19 June 2026: New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit Day 1	
8.00 am	Registration opens
8.30 am	Mihi whakatau (for those present)
8.50 am	<p>Opening address</p> <p><i>Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Health</i></p> <p>Achieving health equity in New Zealand</p>
9.00 am	<p>Summit opening</p> <p>9.00 am [Dr Susan Seifried] Welcome and housekeeping</p> <p>9.10 am [A/Prof. Alexander van Akkooi] The role of coordinated care in achieving equity</p> <p>9.40 am [Gareth Lester] Patient challenge</p>
10.00 am	Morning tea
10.30 am	<p>Session 1: A coordinated approach to skin cancer prevention and early detection</p> <p>10.30 am [Dr Nick Chamberlain] Current direction and opportunities for skin cancer prevention</p> <p>10.50 am [Prof. Rachel Neale] Balancing the harms and benefits of sun exposure</p> <p>11.10 am [Honorary Prof. Amanda Oakley] Innovations in skin cancer early detection</p> <p>11.30 am Session 1 discussion</p> <p><i>Proudly supported by</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;">    </div>

11.45 am	Skin Cancer New Zealand AGM
12.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	<p>Session 2: Improving skin cancer outcomes in New Zealand</p> <p>1.00 pm [Dr Gareth Rivalland] Current and future skin cancer trials in New Zealand</p> <p>1.25 pm [Prof. Cris Print] Taking research from lab to clinic</p> <p>1.50 pm Session 2 discussion</p>
2.00 pm	<p>Session 3: Decoding skin cancer care</p> <p>2.00 pm [Dr Jeat Lee] Demystifying radiotherapy</p> <p>2.25 pm [Dr Lavinia Spain] Demystifying immunotherapy</p> <p>2.50 pm Session 3 discussion</p>
3.00 pm	Afternoon tea
3.30 pm	<p>Session 4: Moving towards coordinated care models</p> <p>3.30 pm [Dr Keith Monnington] Skin cancer treatment pathways in primary care</p> <p>3.50 pm [Dr Mark Fry] Nelson Skin Cancer Service</p> <p>4.10 pm [Rebecca Johnson] Nurses role in the pathway – helping to ease the skin cancer workload</p> <p>4.30pm Session 4 discussion</p>
4.55 pm	Day 1 closing address
5.15 pm	Day 1 close
5.15 – 6.30 pm	Networking reception

Saturday 20 June 2026: **New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit Day 2**

8.00 am	Day 2 welcome
8.05 am	<p>Session 5: Skin cancer management – Part 1</p> <p>8.05 am [Dr Victoria Francis] From Skin to Scan... Radiological Staging and Surveillance in Melanoma and Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers</p> <p>8.25 am [Dr Marc Lawrence] Role of topical treatments in pre-malignant/early skin cancer management</p>

	<p>8.45 am [Dr Lavinia Spain] Immunotherapy mechanism and resultant toxicity</p> <p>9.05 am Session 5 discussion</p>
9.30 am	<p>Session 6: Addressing challenging cases through clinical collaboration</p> <p>MDM panel – ‘grey area’ clinical scenarios case discussion</p>
10.30 am	Morning tea
11.00 am	<p>Session 7: Concurrent breakout sessions</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] Borderline pigmented lesions <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 <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>Session 8: Skin cancer management – Part 2</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>Session 9: Tools and guidelines to empower best practice skin cancer management</p>

	<p>3.00 pm [<i>Dr Susan Seifried</i>] Aotearoa New Zealand Melanoma Clinical Guidelines: Defining best practice melanoma management in New Zealand</p> <p>3.15 pm [<i>Dr Neil Anderson</i>] Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Guidelines</p> <p>3.30 pm [<i>Abbie Cameron</i>] Support Services for Patients</p> <p>3.45 pm [<i>Maarie Hutana</i>] Te Ao Marama: Equity in Skin Cancer Care</p>
4.00 pm	Where to from here? Panel session discussion
4.45 pm	Wrap up and formal close
5.00 pm	Conference closes