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Aotearoa New Zealand Melanoma Clinical Guidelines: Review complete

4th edition now available

The Aotearoa New Zealand Melanoma Clinical Guidelines have been updated and the latest version (4th edition) is now available.

The guidelines have undergone comprehensive review including sector consultation, National Melanoma Working Group review, international peer review, and equity review.

Further enhancements, including flow charts and updated formatting, will follow shortly.

[Download Clinical Guidelines \(pdf\)](#)

Your Skin Cancer NZ membership: Member Hub

Have you logged into your account yet?

The Skin Cancer New Zealand Member Hub is now live. You should have received an email with your login details and instructions. If you haven't already, please log in, update your password and check that your profile information and communication preferences are up to date.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or trouble accessing your account, please [contact us](#).

2026 NZ Skin Cancer Summit: Uniting the skin cancer community

Equity in action: Bridging gaps for skin cancer

Held in Wellington from 18–20 June, the 2026 New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit brought together clinicians, researchers, policymakers, sector leaders and international experts from across New Zealand and beyond to share knowledge, exchange ideas and strengthen connections across the skin cancer community.

Under the theme *Equity in Action: Bridging Gaps for Skin Cancer*, the programme explored opportunities to improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care, with a focus on reducing inequities and ensuring better outcomes for all New Zealanders.

Featuring national and international perspectives alongside lived experience, the Summit highlighted the importance of collaboration and the collective action needed to shape the future of skin cancer care in New Zealand.

Thank you to everyone who attended, presented and supported the Summit. Your contribution helped create a meaningful and engaging event for our community.

Certificates of attendance have now been sent. If you attended the Summit and have not received your certificate, please [get in touch](#).

In Memoriam: Professor Richard Scolyer AO

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Professor Richard Scolyer, AO last month.

Professor Scolyer was a world-leading pathologist whose work in skin cancer, particularly melanoma research, transformed the field and improved outcomes for countless patients. In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to medicine and cancer research, he was named Australian of the Year in 2024.

We extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues at the Melanoma Institute Australia.

Professor Scolyer's legacy will live on through his groundbreaking work, his dedication to patients, and the many people he inspired throughout his career. He will always be remembered for his humility, courage and his determination to "give it a crack".

[Read his tribute here](#)

[Read his own farewell letter](#)

Resource spotlight: UV4You

New UV app provides time- and location-specific UV information and advice

Access to daily UV information can help people better understand when UV radiation is high enough to cause skin damage and when sun protection may be needed.

UV4You is a new free smartphone app that provides location-specific UV Index information, daily UV forecasts, and notifications when sun protection is recommended.

Learn more about the app on Dr Richard McKenzie's [UV & You substack](#).

SkinWise: What's on

In New Zealand

- **Certificate of Dermatoscopy** – 25-26 July, Skin Cancer Symposiums, Auckland
- **GP26: Conference for General Practice** – 30 July - 1 August, Auckland
- **GP CME South** – 13-16 August, Christchurch
- **NZDSI Annual Conference** – 26-29 August, Hamilton

Online

- **Certificate of Dermoscopy** – starts on 28 August, Skin Cancer College Australasia

Hybrid

- **Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop** – starts on 21 August, Skin Cancer College Australasia, with practical workshop in Melbourne

International

- **Plastic Surgery Congress** – 24-25 July, Brisbane, Australia
- **IFHNOS World Congress** – 26-29 August, Brisbane, Australia

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](#):

- *High rates of skin cancer found in kidney transplant recipients in Canterbury*, Australasian Journal of Dermatology [Read article](#)
- *DNA markers may help predict response to melanoma immunotherapy*, Cancer Letters [Read article](#)
- *Immunotherapy resistance in melanoma and the role of the microbiota*, International Journal of Molecular Science [Read article](#)
- *Rethinking melanoma screening: balancing early detection, overdiagnosis, and risk-based care*, Archives of Dermatological Research [Read article](#)
- *Five-year study shows improved long-term outcomes for advanced melanoma patients*, Journal of Clinical Oncology [Read article](#)
- *Recent research highlights increased skin cancer mortality risk for kidney transplant recipients in New Zealand*, British Journal of Dermatology [Read article](#)
- *Study highlights need for better digital sun protection tools for outdoor workers*, Digital Health [Read article](#)

- *Immunotherapy before surgery may improve melanoma outcomes*, Annals of Surgical Oncology [Read article](#)

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