

WORKSHOP

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Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop

Summary

The Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop is specifically designed for practitioners **already** undertaking simple elliptical skin excisions and routine closures in primary practice.

This advanced workshop provides a comprehensive, practical introduction to the major types of flaps and skin grafts and their appropriate application on specific body regions. It is the logical next step to move beyond ellipses and gain the skills and knowledge to appropriately manage the majority of lesions encountered in primary practice.

In addition to hands-on, practical sessions, topics include skin anatomy, local anaesthesia, antibiotic prophylaxis, scar management and electro surgery.

You will be guided by experienced SCCA Fellows closely supporting you through your learning experience. Class sizes are kept small to ensure the opportunity for direct student interaction and supervision.

Successful completion of the SCCA Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine is recommended before enrolling in this advanced course. However, the workshop is open to any doctor who has mastered simple elliptical skin surgery. To competently participate in this workshop, you **must** be able to answer "yes" to **all** the questions shown overleaf.

FORMAT AND DURATION

- ✔ 3.5 day workshop 9.00am to 5.00pm Fri-Sun, half day Monday
- ✔ Face-to-face, interactive learning, including hands-on practical sessions working on pig skin. (See program summary on the next page)
- ✔ Workshops are offered throughout the year. Visit the College website to view upcoming dates and venues. www.skincancercollege.org

AWARD

Participants will receive a Statement of Attendance.

ASSESSMENT

Participants' practical skills will be assessed by a Fellow of the College through continuous observation during the workshop.

Completion of this workshop satisfies the requirements for the compulsory practical component of the SCCA *Advanced Clinical Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine & Surgery*.

Note: To be awarded the Advanced Clinical Certificate, candidates must also complete the online, 20 week theory component of the course, including exam and 20 case surgical log. Go to www.skincancercollege.org for full details of the Advanced Clinical Certificate.

PRE-REQUISITE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Candidates must be registered medical practitioners.
- Successful completion of the SCCA Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine is strongly recommended before enrolling in this advanced course. However, the workshop is open to any doctor who has mastered simple elliptical skin surgery.

To competently participate in this workshop, you **must** be able to answer "YES" to **all** the questions shown below:

- I have a basic understanding of: skin anatomy; concepts of relaxed skin tension lines; cosmetic units and subunits.
- I can demonstrate a sound understanding of suture materials and instruments.
- I am able to handle surgical instruments efficiently and tie surgical knots.
- I regularly administer local anaesthesia.
- I am able to perform elliptical excisions using layered closure principles incorporating deep dermal sutures.
- In my current practice I regularly perform excisions on all body regions including the face.
- I have a sound understanding of wound healing and the management of wound complications.
- I have a sound understanding of skin cancer pathology and management, including knowledge of appropriate margins.

If you are unable to answer 'YES' to all of the above questions, it is strongly recommended you do not enrol in this workshop. The program cannot be adjusted to compensate for students who lack the pre-requisite skills and are unable to keep up. No refund of course fees is available to students who lack the pre-requisite skills.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

DAY 1

- Introduction
- Major anatomical considerations
- Local anaesthetic and nerve blocks
- Basic surgical principles including suture techniques
- Introduction to flap surgery – flap theory and complications
- Infection and antibiotic prophylaxis
- Advancement flaps – A to T; H; O to Z; *
- Transposition flaps – rhomboid; bi-lobe; banner*

DAY 2

- Skin grafts – split skin; full thickness; halo; Burrows; etc.
- Z-plasty, scar management*
- Reading Man and ROM flaps*
- Rotation flaps – classic; O to S; hatchet; *
- Island advancement flaps – V to Y; Keystone;*

DAY 3

- Electro surgery
- Practical assessment*
- Excisions and repair on the face – cheek; forehead; chin†
- Excisions and repair – perioral; temple†
- Excisions and repair – perinasal †

DAY 4

- Excisions and repair – Ear†
- Wound repair in difficult areas – Below knee†
- Wound repair in difficult areas – Scalp†
- Recap and close

†Practical whiteboard session

*Practical session – may involve working on pig flesh.

COURSE FEES AND CPD POINTS

For up-to-date course fees and CPD Points please refer to our website- www.skincancercollege.org/education

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Skin Cancer College Australasia is the non-profit peak body that supports primary care professionals in their journey to combat skin cancer and save lives. We achieve this through education, research, advocacy and standards.

Why study with us?

SCCA courses provide primary care professionals with direct access to the latest knowledge and practical skills to improve the diagnosis, treatment and management of skin cancer. Whether you're seeking introductory or advanced level skin cancer education you're in the right place. Share your journey in skin cancer medicine with us.

- ✓ We offer the only education pathway that leads to accreditation and fellowship.
- ✓ Our CPD accredited courses are developed and delivered by GPs, for primary care professionals.
- ✓ Our interactive courses are known for their high quality and robust assessment.
- ✓ We focus on procedural skills directly applicable to your everyday practice.
- ✓ We exist to nurture and support you on your journey as a skin cancer professional.



Become an Accredited Skin Cancer Doctor

The Skin Cancer College's Accredited Skin Cancer Doctor program assists patients and the wider community to easily identify doctors who have proven knowledge and skills in the diagnosis, treatment and management of skin cancer.



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