ADVANCED CLINICAL CERTIFICATE

# **Register Now Advanced Clinical Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine & Surgery**

## Summary

- The most comprehensive skin cancer surgical training in Australasia.
- Presented online, over 6 months.
- Learning reinforced through the progressive submission of case studies, tutorial activities and continuous feedback. Achieve a depth of knowledge which can't be attained at a weekend course.
- Enhance your medical and surgical skills and develop the capability and knowledge to appropriately diagnose and manage the majority of lesions encountered in primary practice.
- Learn the major types of skin flaps and grafts and their appropriate application.
- Develop a comprehensive knowledge of histopathology, non-surgical treatments, curette and diathermy, local anaesthetics, skin surgery complications and skin anatomy.
- This comprehensive course is an ideal complement to the Advanced Clinical Certificate of Dermoscopy and provides an essential step toward Fellowship of the Skin Cancer College Australasia (SCCA).

## FORMAT AND DURATION

22 weeks (February to 31 July annually).

The Advanced Clinical Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine & Surgery is delivered in the form of 10 fortnightly, self-paced, online modules. These may include short quizzes and a tutorial activity. The recommended study time commitment is 5 hours per week. In addition there are fortnightly small-group tutorials.

Throughout the course students are required to submit 20 satisfactory surgical case studies compiled from their own patients, the majority being malignancies. Assessment also includes a final exam which is completed online.

PLUS: Compulsory attendance at the Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop, which must occur no more than 24 months before, or 12 months after, completing the online component of the Advanced Clinical Certificate. Practical assessment by observation occurs during the surgical workshop.

## **AWARD**

Skin Cancer College Australasia Advanced Clinical Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine & Surgery.

## **ASSESSMENT**

50% Exam (online) Submission of 20 satisfactory 50% surgical case studies\*

All modules, exams and case studies must be completed within the 6-month duration of the course.

PLUS: Compulsory attendance at the Advanced Skin Surgery Workshop.

## **PRE-REOUISITES**

Candidates must be graduates of the SCCA Certificate of Dermoscopy AND Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine. This includes successful completion of the Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine logbook. RPL is available for some alternative courses which will provide access to our mandatory certificate exams.

<sup>\*</sup>These surgical cases must be specifically from the following body sites, with no substitutions:

<sup>·</sup> Head/neck 10 cases (these do not need to include excisions on the face)

The type of repair (primary, flap, graft and secondary intention) used for each case is up to you, but must be appropriate for the particular defect and anatomical site. They do not have to be flaps or grafts, just correctly oriented and executed ellipses.

## **ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS**

<ul> <li>Highly computer literate and proficient in using the Internet and email.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Digital camera with a macro setting or smartphone of suitable capability.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Able to take good quality clinical and dermoscopic photographs and manage</li> </ul>	☐ Fast and stable broadband Internet connection.
digital images.  PC or laptop (iPads and tablets are not recommended due to their limited capabilities).	<ul><li>Microphone and speakers headset which connects to your computer.</li><li>Purchase of recommended texts.</li></ul>
No special software is required to access the	Fulchase of recommended texts.

## **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

online materials or join the webinars.

	ACTIVITY	
Early February	Orientation webinars	
Week 1	Module 1A: Diagnosing skin cancer	
Week 2	Module 1B: Principles of excisions and curette cautery	
Week 3	Module 2A: Biopsying skin cancers – how and where	
Week 4	Module 2B: Excisions on the trunk	
Week 5	Module 3A: Dermoscopy of skin cancers	
Week 6	Module 3B: Excisions on the limbs	
Week 7	Module 4A: Melanocytic lesions	
Week 8	Module 4B: Excisions on the face	
Week 9	Module 5A: Histopathology of skin cancers	
Week 10	Module 5B: Periocular excisions	
Week 11	Mid-course study period	
Week 12	Module 6A: Non-surgical treatment options	
Week 13	Module 6B: Excisions on the nose	
Week 14	Module 7A: Wound management	
Week 15	Module 7B: Excisions on the ear	
Week 16	Module 8A: Closing a large defect - Flaps	
Week 17	Module 8B: Perioral and lip excisions	
Week 18	Module 9A: Closing a large defect - Grafts	
Week 19	Module 9A: Closing a large defect - Grafts	
Week 20	End-of-course study period and exam (online)	
Week 21-22	Module 10: Setting up your skin cancer practice	
31 July	Final deadline for all assessment requirements	

(This timetable is indicative only and may be subject to change)

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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

This is the ideal course for qualified doctors ready to advance beyond basic elliptical skin surgery, particularly those seeking to focus exclusively on skin cancer medicine. **To succeed in this course** it is essential that you are treating enough skin cancer patients to complete the required 20 satisfactory surgical cases, the majority of which are to be malignant lesions.

## **COURSE FEES AND CPD POINTS**

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

#### TIME COMMITMENT

- At least 5 hours each week for personal study, including developing and submitting 20 satisfactory surgical case studies.
- At least 2 hours each week to take part in online webinars and tutorials, usually held in the evening.
- Due to the time required it is recommended that students do not undertake other study during the same period.

## **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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