



SKIN CANCER COLLEGE of
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Fellowship Pathway for Skin Cancer Doctors

Over the past decade some doctors have elected to focus their clinical activities within the practice of skin cancer medicine and surgery. These doctors have developed their skills in response to meeting the enormous need for the diagnosis and management of skin cancer related conditions in our community. They have achieved this in a primary care setting, both in mixed general practice settings and dedicated skin cancer clinics. Until recently, the training available to primary care doctors in relation to skin cancer diagnosis and management has been limited.

The Skin Cancer College of Australia and New Zealand is proud to offer the first comprehensive training pathway for doctors to enter the dedicated discipline of skin cancer medicine. This training culminates in Fellowship of the College and provides a structured career plan as well as a much needed professional health service to our community. Patients will have a clear understanding that when they consult a Fellow of the Skin Cancer College of Australia and New Zealand they are being treated by a doctor who has received post-graduate training, passed examinations and participates in ongoing education in the field of skin cancer medicine. In addition, medical colleagues and the general public can be confident that patients who consult a doctor who has achieved Fellowship of the College shall receive care commensurate with best clinical practice principles.

In summary, fellowship of the college will be open to all registered medical practitioners who can satisfy the following requirements in relation to education and training:

Pass in the SCCANZ (or the previous SCSA) Certificate Exam (Part I)

Or: University of Queensland Masters Medicine (Skin cancer)

Accredited time (3 years full-time skin cancer, 6 years part-time skin cancer)

Photographic Log

Surgical Log Book

Completion of Postgraduate Courses in:

Either:

University of Queensland Masters Medicine (Skin Cancer)

Or: *the combination of:*

Diploma of Practical Dermatology (Cardiff)

Or

Diploma Dermatology (New for 2009 see website for details)

(or significant dermatology research or other dermatology related activity at the discretion of the board of censors)

and Advanced Dermoscopy Course

and Dermatologic Surgery Course

Pass in Skin Cancer College of Australia & New Zealand Exam (Part II) (OSCE)

FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Registered medical practitioner – proof with certified copy current registration.

2. Completion of undergraduate and post-graduate hospital training– name of university and hospital as well as certified copy of degree.

3. Pass in SCCANZ (previously SCSA) Certificate exam – proof with certified copy.

Or

Pass in UQ Masters Medicine – proof with certified copy

4. Accredited time

Three years full-time skin cancer **or** six years part-time skin cancer work experience.

Full-time defined as 8 sessions per week for 46 weeks per year, where one session equates to 3.5 hours consulting and or operating time.

Part-time skin cancer work defined as incorporation of skin cancer work experience within a full-time work load of general practice.

Applicants should supply details of their practice for the past 3-6 years with an indication of their sessions worked and casemix. An affidavit as well as a nominated referee should be supplied – this may be another doctor, pathologist, nurse or practice manager.

5. Completion of Courses – proof with certified copies.

Either

University of Queensland Master Medicine (Skin Cancer)

Or

The combination of General Dermatology, Dermoscopy, and Surgery through completion of the following courses:

General Dermatology

Diploma of Practical Dermatology (Cardiff)

Or

Diploma Dermatology (Online via Dr McColl website – new for 2009)

Or

Significant dermatology related research or other dermatology related activity. This may be submitted as an **alternative** to completion of the general dermatology course. Those applicants wishing to submit an alternative are requested to seek prior assessment from the college censor to determine suitability, which will be based on the degree of dermatological background knowledge required for the nominated activity.

Dermoscopy

Completion of **one** advanced dermoscopy course:

University Graz Diploma Dermoscopy

University Graz Diploma Dermoscopy (online)

SCCANZ Dermoscopy Masterclass (previously SCCA/SCSA)

Australian Diploma Dermoscopy (SCCANZ) (online)

(other courses may be suitable and may be submitted for consideration)

Dermatologic Surgery

Completion of **one** advanced dermatologic surgery course:
SCCANZ Advanced Surgery Certificate
(other courses may be suitable and may be submitted for consideration)

6. Photographic Log

Applicants will need to submit 4 to 5 photographs of lesions that they have excised, provide a **brief and concise** case summary, and de-identified histopathology reports. Each case requires a site of lesion shot, a macro shot with surgical markings, and post-op shots immediately following procedure as well as at the time of suture removal. In addition, a dermoscopy photo should be included for BCCs and suspicious pigmented lesions.

The requirement will be to submit 3 cases from each of the following 15 body sites: Scalp, forehead, temple, superior nose, inferior nose, upper cheek, ear, cutaneous lip, vermilion lip, neck, upper arm, hand, chest, upper back, lower leg. There is no stipulation as to types of closure required for sites, however, applicants should demonstrate skills with a wide range of techniques including fusiform excision with simple closure, flaps and grafts. Satisfactory assessment of the photographic log will be based on demonstration of good surgical technique and demonstration of a range of techniques.

The log should be produced on Word format and submitted via a disc or memory stick to the Chief Censor. Cases should be grouped together in anatomical body site in the order indicated above and generally one case can be completed per page. It is possible to put 2 photos across the page - the markers can increase the size by expanding the photos as required. Please ensure the photos are well lit and clearly focussed – we cannot pass photos that are blurred. Also it is impossible to see the true surgical margins if you use a felt tipped pen that is 5mm wide – please indicate where you are to actually incise the skin by marking with a thin line.

7. Surgical Log

Applicants will be required to maintain a traditional surgical log and submit a minimum of 200 consecutive cases for fellowship. This will be in a computerised spreadsheet format and comprise date, patient demographics, type and location of lesion, operation, complications, histopathology, adequacy of margins etc. This can be downloaded from the SCCANZ website (Surgical Audit). Please print and send to Chief Censor.

8. Participation in ongoing education

Fellows will be required to attend the annual conference at least every second year and participate in ongoing education as determined by the education committee.

Fellows should achieve 60 CME points per triennium in dermatology related activities. It is acceptable to submit RACGP, ACRRM or other college points for this requirement.

Fellows should submit a 2-month period of their surgical log each year.

Teaching will be an important requirement of fellowship. All fellows will be required to participate in teaching other doctors.

9. OSCE style Exam (Part II)

Applicants will need to pass an Objective Structured Clinical Exam. This will comprise 10-12 stations of 12 minutes, inclusive of 2 minutes reading time. The next exam is planned for October / November 2009 at a cost of \$1500 + GST.