

The Skin Cancer College of Australia & New Zealand is pleased to offer primary care doctors a fundamental skin cancer training program and examination process, designed for both general practitioners and skin cancer clinic doctors who wish to demonstrate expertise in this often challenging area of medicine. Successful candidates will be awarded a "Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine".

Assessment will be comparatively inexpensive and will require a basic, but sound, knowledge of the important aspects of high quality skin cancer medicine, as well as proficiency in relevant office procedures. These areas include dermoscopy, diagnosis and treatment of common skin cancers and pre-cancerous conditions, basic histopathology and an understanding of the fundamentals of biopsy, excision and wound repair techniques.

Preparation for examination will be based on self directed learning using suggested textbooks, an 8 hour online skin cancer course, participation in the skin cancer blog as well as clinical experience. Preparation will also depend on the candidates prior experience and expertise.

Assessment is in three parts. Parts A and B are in the format of a closed book written examination. Part A is comprised of multiple choice questions and Part B requires candidates to view multiple clinical and dermoscopic images and answer questions regarding them.

A 40 hour study program has been developed utilizing relevant textbooks, training CD-ROM's and on-line course. Completion of this study program will adequately prepare candidates for the examination.

Part C requires the submission of 5 clinical cases, with photo documentation, demonstrating high quality elliptical excisions from various parts of the body. No flaps or grafts are required but at least one closure must demonstrate the use of buried absorbable sutures.

The "Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine" is the educational prerequisite for the upcoming Skin Cancer Practice Accreditation currently in development. It also constitutes Part 1 of the SCCANZ Fellowship training programme.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOK READING

- *An Atlas of Surface Microscopy of Pigmented Skin Lesions: Dermoscopy* (with CD-ROM) - 2nd Edition—SW Menzies—McGraw Hill—2003
The entire book should be read and CD-ROM cases reviewed.
- *Cancer of the Skin* (with CD-ROM) - DS Rigel—Elsevier 2005
Chapters 8-10, 13-19, 31-32
- *Surgery of the Skin—Procedural dermatology* (with CD-ROM) - Robinson—Elsevier Mosby 2005
Chapters 1-9, 12, 14, 16-19
- *Clinical Guidelines for the management of melanoma in Australia and New Zealand and Clinical Practice Guidelines: Non-melanoma skin cancer: Guidelines for treatment and management in Australia*
(Both booklets available via free internet download if hard copy not owned)

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THE EXAMINATION WILL CONSIST OF 3 PARTS:

A Multiple choice questions on:

- Benign and pre-malignant skin tumours
- Non-melanoma skin cancer
- Naevi and melanoma
- Epidemiology and histopathology of skin cancer
- Biopsy, excision and wound repair techniques

B Dermoscopic and clinical images with questions:

- Dermoscopy images of lesions will be provided with questions designed to assess the candidate's knowledge of the 2 step process:
 - 1 Differentiating melanocytic and non-melanocytic lesions
 - 2 Differentiating benign from malignant lesions (using the Menzies Method)
- Clinical images of non-melanocytic lesions with questions designed to assess the candidate's recognition of common benign and malignant skin lesions and the appropriate treatment of these.

C Case studies of five excisions (with photo documentation):

These cases are to be drawn from the candidate's own practice. One lesion is required to be excised from each of the following areas of the body and should be photo documented and submitted with appropriate discussion as outlined:

- Face
- Neck or Scalp
- Upper Limb/Hand
- Lower Leg
- Back/Shoulder

A minimum of five images per lesion, taken by digital camera, should be submitted in either electronic (eg jpg) or printed format as follows:

- **Two** clinical images of tumour (firstly, a **wide angled** shot to show position of lesion on the body, and secondly a close up '**macro**' photo to show clinical features of the lesion
- Pre-op clinical image with **periphery of lesion** dotted and excision **margins drawn**
- Immediate **post-op** image before dressing
- Post-op image of wound **after removal of sutures**

As of July 2008, it is a requirement that one of these cases show the use of **interrupted buried absorbable sutures**, either alone or in combination with an epidermal suture or buried sub-cuticular suture. An **additional photograph** will need to be taken **immediately after** the insertion of these buried sutures, before the second layer is inserted. **Complete apposition of skin edges** will need to be demonstrated in this additional photograph. Failure to show apposition of entire length of wound will result in a Part C failure.

Brief discussion of submitted cases should include:

- History and clinical feature of lesion
- Differential provisional diagnosis and eventual histology result
- Excision margins used
- Technique of wound repair including reasons for choice of suture and suturing technique
- Dressings and post-op management
- Observed complications, if any, and their treatment

All cases will be marked by the SCCANZ examination panel, which will consist of experienced skin cancer practitioners. Any cases that are considered not of high standard will be discussed with specialist colleagues assisting the examination panel and may be subsequently failed. If the images submitted are **not perfectly in focus** or **do not clearly demonstrate the techniques used**, then they will be failed.

If the wound does not have **appropriate orientation**, following recommended RSTL's, shows **inverted edges**, becomes **infected** or **dehisces**, the case will be failed. The candidate would then be requested to prepare another case with no additional fee charged. Work on these case studies may commence immediately upon registration for examination

EXAMINATION PROCESS

Examinations are scheduled for Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne during the course of the year. The exam takes around 3 hours. Part C case studies may be submitted at the candidate's own pace but should be submitted within a 12 month period from registration.

Candidates who fail either Part A or B are allowed to re-sit these Parts for an additional fee of \$110.00 (inc GST). Examinations taken away from capital city exam settings (at the candidates request) will attract an extra fee of \$220.00 (inc GST) to cover postage and handling.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$1,400.00 (inc GST) **\$1,155.00** (inc GST) - Discounted Fee

*** Discounted Fee applies to current SCCANZ members of Graduates of the SCSA/SCCANZ Diploma of Dermoscopy, UQ Skin Cancer Courses (Cert PCSCM, Cert PCSCS, Cert Adv Dermoscopy or Cert Adv SCS) or UQ Masters of Medicine (PCSCM)*

Registration Fee Includes:

- 40 hour Study Programme using recommended textbooks, online and CD teaching material
- Sydney University 8 Hour Online Skin Cancer Course—12 month registration
- Written 3 hour examination and marking of Surgical Case Studies
- Certificate & Optional listing on SCCANZ Locate a Doctor website