Australian Diploma of Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery

New for 2011 – registrations now open!

The Skin Cancer College of Australia and New Zealand (SCCANZ) is pleased to announce the opening of registration for the inaugural Australian Diploma of Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery.

This comprehensive course will provide an excellent grounding in both skin cancer medicine and the surgical knowledge and skills you need to become a reference doctor. It is an ideal compliment to the SCCANZ Australian Diploma of Dermoscopy and provides a step along the pathway to becoming a SCCANZ Fellow.

Commencing in May 2011 and run over two semesters of 10 weeks each, the Australian Diploma of Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery is open to all medical graduates in Australia, New Zealand and overseas. No pre-requisite training is required.

Benefits

- one-on-one tutoring by a SCCANZ Fellow
- intensive hands-on 4 day surgical workshop
- complete a step in the pathway to becoming a SCCANZ Fellow
- fully inclusive course fee (with discount for SCCANZ members)
- participate in SCCANZ 2011 Skin Cancer Week

Course Delivery

The Australian Diploma of Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery will be delivered by SCCANZ Fellows together with Dr Ian McColl, a Fellow of the Australasian College of Dermatologists.

Delivery methods will combine a comprehensive 4 day face-to-face practical workshop, live video teleconference sessions, podcasts, blogs and 10 two weekly modules, five in each semester. This format provides an ideal balance of flexible self-directed learning with responsive personal tutoring and interactive group sessions.

The Diploma commences with a 4 day Surgical Workshop to be held on 30 May to 2 June 2011 at the Sheraton Mirage Resort, Gold Coast Queensland.
This comprehensive hands-on workshop will include orientation on course content and delivery as well as practical exposure to various surgical procedures for closing skin excision defects, selected skin flaps and grafts and the opportunity to meet tutors and colleagues.

The workshop also coincides with the 8th International Skin Cancer Week presented by the Skin Cancer College of Australia and New Zealand - the biggest skin cancer medicine event to be held during 2011.

The workshop will also familiarise you with the technologies involved in the course delivery including photography, internet broadband connections, teleconferencing and on-line case presentation.

The online aspects of the course will be delivered using the My Skin Cancer Consult website www.myskincancerconsult.com over 10 two weekly modules, five in each semester.

In the first week of each module students are expected to read the online module and listen to the module Podcast. At the end of each module there will be a written module assessment which students complete online.

The second week of each module is presented online via the My Skin Cancer Consult blog at www.myskincancerconsult.blogspot.com where there will be daily cases illustrating features of the topics discussed in the module and a daily podcast. This blog provides a forum for discussion by the students and their tutor.

Diploma Course Module Content

Semester 1

Begins with 4 day Surgical Workshop, 30 May – 2 June 2011

Module 1A Diagnosing Skin Cancer A
Module 1B Clinical Module - Principles of Excisions and Curette Cautery

Module 2A Diagnosing Skin Cancer B
Module 2B Clinical Module - Excisions on the Back

Module 3A Dermatoscopy of Skin Cancers
Module 3B Clinical Module - Excisions on the Limbs

Module 4A Biopsying Skin Cancers - How and where
Module 4B Clinical Module - Excisions on the Face

Module 5A Histopathology of Skin Cancers
Module 5B Clinical Module - Periocular Excisions

27 August First online exam

Diploma Course Module Content (continued)
Semester 2

Module 6A  Non Surgical Treatment Options in Skin Cancer A
Module 6B  Clinical Module - Excisions on the Nose

Module 7A  Non Surgical Treatment Options in Skin Cancer B
Module 7B  Clinical Module - Excisions on the Ear

Module 8A  Closing a Large Defect - Flaps
Module 8B  Clinical Module - Perioral and Lip Excisions

Module 9A  Closing a Large Defect - Grafts
Module 9B  Clinical Module - Excisions on the Hands and Feet

Module 10A  Setting up your Skin Cancer Practice
Module 10B  Clinical Module - Final thoughts on Skin Cancer Surgery

19-20 Nov  Final Online Exam (date to be confirmed)

Video Teleconferences

There will be two, one hour video teleconferences, one each week, for each module. These video teleconferences will use the online GoTo Meeting facility during which you will be able to see the presenter’s monitor screen and interact during the discussion. You can also take over the mouse and point and comment on the images.

These teleconferences will be recorded and made available as a video podcast. This will be useful if you are unable to join a particular online meeting. It is anticipated the video teleconferences will be held on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 pm (AEST +10 GMT).

Course Hardware Requirements

- Mac running Leopard operating system or PC Computer running XP, Vista or Windows 7 with a broadband internet connection, preferably ADSL 2 or a good wireless connection.
- A digital camera such as the Canon Powershot or the Sony Cybershot series which are easy to use and have excellent macros for taking close up images.
- Preliminary video teleconferences will start in early December to allow you to become familiar with the system used. We recommend you purchase a USB headset which combines headphones and microphone such as the Logitech Clear Chat USB which costs around $65 (Aus).
Course Software and Books

The recommended textbook for the course will be *Dermatologic Surgery* by Vidomos et al by Elsevier. This will cover the surgical content of the course. There is no recommended textbook for the medical content of the course because none really exists that would cover all the topics we will look at.

We also recommend *Local Flap Reconstruction* by Pennington, *Surgery of the Skin and Procedural Dermatology* by Robinson and *Flaps for the Central Face* by Salasche but check them out on Amazon.com before purchasing them. Please note, these texts are not essential for the course. Students should also have an Image management program such as ACD See or similar or the web based Picasa.

The *Learn Skin Cancer Blog* at [www.myskincancerconsult.blogspot.com](http://www.myskincancerconsult.blogspot.com) will be used to illustrate and describe cases relevant to each of the modules being discussed. Daily cases will be posted here in the second week of each module. A podcast will accompany each case at the conclusion of the post.

Assessment

Students will be assessed on each module using written case studies to be submitted electronically before the video teleconference to be held in the second week of each module. The case studies will be discussed during each video teleconference. Students are also required to present five cases each semester from their own practice. These will be presented by students using the Virtual Clinical Meeting section of the My Skin Cancer Consult website, where the tutors will comment on them.

There will be two live online examinations during the course, one at the end of semester 1 and the second shortly after the completion of the course.

The first online examination will occur at the end of the first semester on the 27 August 2011.

The second online examination will take place shortly after the completion of the course and is currently scheduled for 26 November 2011.

Diploma Fee

The fee for the Diploma, including 10 online modules, video teleconferences, and four day workshop, is $6,250 (inc GST). A deposit of $1,000 paid with your registration will secure your place with the balance payable in full by 1 April 2011. See the registration form for full payment details. (Please note: the diploma fee does not include accommodation to attend the four day surgical workshop.)

Successfully passing the Diploma will entitle you to spend one week in an experienced tutor’s rooms handling office skin cancer medicine and surgery. An additional fee for this option is $1,100 (inc GST). Note: Places in the Australian Diploma of Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery are limited in order to ensure each participant receives individual attention.
Continuing Professional Development

Points have been applied for from the relevant Colleges including RACGP and ACRRM.

Note: The Australian Diploma of Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery has no standing with Medicare or other funding or licensing State or Federal authorities. It should however give you an excellent grounding in the subject and allow you to be a reference doctor regarding skin cancer diseases within your practice and local community. It will also satisfy part of the requirements for Fellowship of the Skin Cancer College of Australia and New Zealand.

Further Information

If you have any other questions contact Dr Ian McColl at imccoll@ozemail.com.au or the SCCANZ Administration Team at admin@sccanz.com.au

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Registration Form
Australian Diploma of Skin Cancer Medicine and Surgery (2011)

Please print form and complete clearly by hand then either fax or return to the address below:

Family Name__________________________________________Given Names________________________________________

Preferred Name________________________________________ Male / Female (circle)

Address________________________________________________

Town/Suburb________________________________________ State_________Postcode________________

Phone________________________Fax________________________ Mobile________________

Email Address________________________________________

(Dedicated email address you wish to use for the course)

Username__________________________________________Password________________________________________

(You wish to use for setting up your website access)

QA&CPD No____________ACRRM No____________Special Dietary Requirements? ____________

Which camera(s) do you use?______________________________

The Diploma requires a reasonable degree of computer literacy however most interaction during the course uses simple point and click. Skills in using the internet, email, word processing and image editing are necessary and will be discussed and demonstrated during the Introductory Workshop. If you have limited computer skills and may need additional help in this area please indicate here YES / NO (circle)

Course Fee: ☐ Full Rate $6,250.00 (inc GST)
 ☐ Deposit Only $1,000.00 - Balance of $5,250.00 due by 2 May, 2011
 ☐ SCCANZ Member Discount - $110.00

Course Fee includes 10 online modules, video teleconferences and both 2 Day Workshops

Payment Options:
1. Cheque or Money Order payable to the Skin Cancer College of Australia & New Zealand

2. Direct Deposit: Bank: NAB Account Name: SCCANZ BSB: 084 004 Account: 89 229 4920

   If using this option please quote your surname and initial – EFT transfers without reference details will cause a delay in processing of your enrolment

3. Credit Card: Please tick: ☐ VISACredit Card Number__________/_________/_________/_________/ Expiry__________/_________/________/

   Card Holder’s Name (as shown on card)________________________________________

   Card Holder’s Signature________________________________________________ Date__________/_________/_________

Please return this form and your payment or internet banking receipt to:
Post: SCCANZ: Suite 6, 2081 Moggill Rd, Kenmore QLD 4069 or Fax: 07 3878 2405 or Email: admin@sccanz.com.au
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