



Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine

Assessment requirements

Registered medical practitioners are invited to complete the following two part assessment to be awarded a Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine. Completion of the assessment is *optional*. However, successful completion of *both parts* of the assessment is required in order to be awarded a Certificate.

Assessment for the Certificate comprises two parts:

1. A written exam of 90 minutes duration, followed by submission of a surgical log. The exam is a closed book, multiple choice format.
2. Submission of five (5) clinical cases, with photo documentation, demonstrating high quality elliptical excisions from various parts of the body. No flaps or grafts are required. Candidates are allowed up to 6 months after attending the course to submit their surgical log.

Requirements for Surgical Log submission:

As part of the assessment, an evaluation of the candidate's clinical competence with basic elliptical excisions is required. Students will have six months from the date of attending the two day course workshop to submit these cases.

Five elliptical excisions are to be photo documented from the following body sites:

1. Face
2. Neck or scalp
3. Upper limb/hand
4. Lower limb
5. Back or shoulder

The clinical images must include:

1. Wide angled shot to show the position of the lesion on the body
2. A macro photo to show the clinical features of the lesion. A dermatoscopic image is not required but can be included as well if clinically relevant.
3. A pre-op clinical image with the periphery of the lesion dotted and the excision margins drawn
4. Immediate post-op image before dressing
5. Image taken after removal of sutures

A brief discussion of the submitted cases should include:

1. History and clinical features of lesion
2. Differential or provisional diagnosis and eventual histology result
3. Excision margins used and rationale
4. Techniques of wound repair including reasons for choice of suture and suturing techniques
5. Dressings and post-op management
6. Observe complications, if any, and their treatment

Cases to be assessed will need to observe the following criteria to be passed as satisfactory:

1. Images should be in focus
2. Wound should be appropriately orientated following recommended RSTLs
3. Demonstration of inverted wound edges
4. Demonstration of appropriate suturing technique

Any queries regarding the assessment may be directed to admin@skincancercollege.com or telephone 0414 910 355.