# SKIN CANCER CLINICAL ATTACHMENTS











## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

In collaboration with universities, teaching hospitals and specialist private clinics, the HealthCert clinical attachments program provides GPs and clinical nurses with a comprehensive range of medical, surgical and clinical support training. Participants will have the unique opportunity to enhance their knowledge of procedures in dedicated treatment facilities by observing and questioning experts – this may include all aspects of treatment including initial consultations and patient treatment options as well as surgical procedures, use of equipment and patient follow-ups.

### **LOCATIONS**

## REDCLIFFE SKIN CANCER CENTRE, QLD, AUSTRALIA



The Redcliffe Skin Cancer Centre is a purpose-built, state-of-the-art clinic and referral centre. This referral centre will provide the base for your Clinical Attachment, where you will experience first-hand day-to-day operations and interactions of a world class skin cancer centre. The centre is easily accessible and is located just 20 minutes north of Brisbane Airport at Redcliffe. The program is suitable for general practitioners and nurses.

#### MONASH SKIN CANCER CENTRE, VIC, AUSTRALIA



The Monash Skin Cancer Centre is a brand new skin cancer facility featuring procedure rooms which can usually only be found in a surgeon's office. The centre offers best practice workflows for primary care to diagnose and treat skin cancer. You will observe and work with Dr Hamilton Ayres, course presenter of the Professional and Advanced Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine.

## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA



The Medical University of Vienna is the largest medical organisation in Austria, as well as one of the top-level research institutions in Europe and provides Europe's largest hospital, the Vienna General Hospital, with all of its medical staff. The Vienna General Hospital has about 100,000 patients treated as inpatients and 605,000 treated as outpatients each year. The program is suitable for general practitioners only.

#### MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF LYON, FRANCE



The dominant areas of study covered by The Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 are science and medicine. Attached to the university are the "Hospices civils de Lyon" including the "Centre Hospitalier Lyon Sud", which is the largest teaching hospital in the Rhône-Alpes region and second largest in France. Out of the 2630 faculty 700 are also medical practitioners at local teaching hospitals. The program is suitable for general practitioners and nurses.

# **PROGRAM OUTLINE**

The program may be tailored individually to the participant's special interests and activities may include, but are not limited to:

- First and second level screening of patients with benign and malignant skin tumors
- Confocal imaging of suspicious lesions
- Clinico-pathologic meetings
- Tumor board meetings for the multidisciplinary discussion of difficult cases
- Mole mapping facility tours
- Biopsy techniques
- Cryotherapy, curettage and field treatments
- Ellipses and direct repair
- Flaps and grafts
- Clinical notes and billing



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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The clinical attachment program is aimed at qualified general practitioners with a clinical interest in skin cancer medicine who have completed the HealthCert Skin Cancer Medicine or Surgery courses (or equivalent). It is recommended that participants complete a clinical attachment in Australia first as the program will follow exactly the training received at HealthCert courses. Subsequently medical professionals can gain an insight into the clinical practice, patient care management, and cultural context of the overseas' specialist facilities.

## **PROGRAM DELIVERY**

Medical professionals can apply for a two-day or five-day program where they will experience day-to-day operations and interactions of leading facilities. Participants will further develop their clinical skills by observing experienced skin cancer doctors, participating in case discussions and asking questions on all aspects of skin cancer treatment and patient care.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Medical professionals must submit their application with their preferred dates at least one month prior to the program commencement date. HealthCert will contact the facility and arrange for the placement of the applicant at the host facility. Participants must commence the program at the latest six months after their application has been accepted.

# TRAVEL & STAY

Participants are expected to independently organise and fund their travel and accommodation throughout the duration of the program. The hosting facility will provide day time activities from 9am to 5pm during weekdays only.

# **CPD POINTS AND CERTIFICATION**

For members of the RACGP who wish to qualify for Category 1 CPD points certain records must be kept and session summaries completed. These activities are considered as a "Supervised Clinical Attachment" activity which qualify for 40 Category 1 points. This is a self-submitted activity. HealthCert will provide a "Certificate of Clinical Attachment" to confirm completion of the activity.

#### **INVESTMENT AND PAYMENT OPTIONS**

General Practitioner Fees		Clinic Nurse Fees *	
\$2,995	\$4,995	\$1,500	\$2,995
Two-day program	Five-day program	Two-day program	Five-day program

<sup>\*</sup>The clinical attachment program at the Medical University of Vienna is suitable for general practitioners only.

The structured clinical attachment at the Redcliffe Skin Cancer Centre has provided an excellent first-hand experience and insight into many procedural aspects of skin cancer medicine management. It is a well-organised program which has afforded me good practical experience in this expanding area of medical practice.

Thoroughly recommended.

- Dr Andrew McIntosh, Vic -

