



# 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



### National Skin Cancer Centres, Redcliffe, QLD, Australia

The Redcliffe Skin Cancer Centre is a purpose-built, state-of-the-art clinic and referral centre, providing a "one-stop shop" to patients for lesion diagnosis and treatment. The dedicated facility also represents a referral alternative to public hospitals for local GPs and functions as a teaching facility for doctors and nurses seeking to upskill in skin cancer management.



### National Skin Cancer Centres, Monash, 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. You will have the unique opportunity to work with the globally renowned skin cancer expert Professor Harald Kittler and his team.



### 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. You will join the internationally recognised Professor Luc Thomas and his team in a world-class research facility.

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

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

- Patients with benign and malignant skin lesions
- Biopsy techniques
- Cryotherapy, curettage and field treatments
- Ellipses and direct repair
- Variations of flaps and grafts
- Confocal imaging of suspicious lesions
- Mole mapping facility tours
- Clinico-pathologic meetings
- Discussions of difficult cases

## YOUR SUPERVISORS



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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 Two-day program	\$4,995 Five-day program	\$1,500 Two-day program	\$2,995 Five-day program

\*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 –