Skin cancer essentials is RACGP NSW&ACT’s new workshop designed to upskill general practitioners (GPs) in assessing and managing skin cancers in the general practice setting. The workshop provides practical learning experiences in dermoscopy, and a variety of biopsy and suturing techniques to equip GPs with the necessary skills to safely assess and manage their patients with skin cancers.

Who should attend?
This workshop has been designed for GPs and GP registrars with minimal skin cancer experience, but who have a growing demand on their skills in this area.

Learning outcomes
• Use a systematic approach to analysing skin lesions.
• Differentiate between potentially sinister and non-sinister lesions.
• Recognise appropriate type of biopsies in skin lesions.
• Use a wide variety of suturing techniques.

Presenters
Dr Deshan Sebaratnam is a consultant dermatologist working at the Skin Hospital Sydney and the Children’s Hospital at Westmead. He is a conjoint lecturer with the University of New South Wales and has an interest in medical, surgical and paediatric dermatology.

Dr Nicholas Stewart is a dermatologist with special interest in cutaneous surgery. He is a qualified Mohs surgeon at the Skin Hospital at Westmead and Darlinghurst, Sydney. He also practices general medical dermatology and paediatric dermatology at both locations.

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| 9.15 am| Introduction to skin cancers  
Dr Deshan Sebaratnam  
- skin cancer in Australia  
- BCCs and SCCs  
- melanoma and common benign lesions |
| 9.45 am| Skin cancer assessment – what are we looking for?  
Dr Deshan Sebaratnam  
- history taking, examination and differentiating between skin cancers and benign lesions |
| 10.15 am| Dermoscopy essentials  
Dr Deshan Sebaratnam  
- 3-point checklist and other diagnostic algorithms |
| 11.15 am| Morning tea                                                                                   |
| 11.35 am| Skin cancer investigation and treatment – when and what to do – biopsy techniques  
Dr Deshan Sebaratnam  
Dr Nicholas Stewart  
- punch  
- excisional  
- shave biopsies  
- cryotherapy |
| 1.35 pm| Lunch                                                                                         |
| 2.10 pm| Suturing techniques practical training session  
Dr Deshan Sebaratnam  
Dr Nicholas Stewart  
- suturing  
- equipment review for biopsies and cryotherapy |
| 4.10 pm| Afternoon Tea                                                                                 |
| 4.30 pm| Pathology reports – key points  
Dr Nicholas Stewart  
- requesting pathology reports  
- reading and using pathology reports |
| 5.00 pm| Evaluation and reinforcing activity                                                           |
| 5.10 pm| End of workshop                                                                               |

* Program subject to change.