



# AN INTRODUCTION TO DERMOSCOPY

## Online Distance-Learning Course

Are you interested in dermoscopy?

Would you like to develop your competency in using a dermatoscope?

If you answer yes to these two questions, please read on.



### Key Information:

- The intake dates for this course are March and September each year. Places are limited and so early application is recommended.
- The course is delivered entirely online and no travel to Cardiff (or elsewhere) is required at any point during the course.
- The course will be assessed by a final online examination and successful participants will receive a certificate of completion.
- To be eligible for the course you must be a practising physician.

## Dermoscopy

### Online Distance Learning Course

Duration: 12 weeks

Intakes: March & September

Cost: £995 (subject to final confirmation)

The Introduction to Dermoscopy Course is designed specifically for physicians who are involved in the care of dermatology patients with skin lesions, who are interested in the management of benign and malignant skin lesions, or who wish to learn about dermoscopy to improve their skill in the diagnosis of melanoma.



### AIMS

This programme is delivered entirely online and aims to develop competency in using the dermatoscope to:

- differentiate melanocytic skin lesions from non-melanocytic skin lesions;
- differentiate malignant skin lesions from non-malignant skin lesions;
- assist in the early diagnosis of melanoma;
- assist in management decisions relating to pigmented skin lesions;
- assist in the diagnosis of some non-melanocytic skin lesions.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

This 12 week course has been written by leading dermatologists in the field of dermoscopy. Participants will be expected to complete a module every two weeks.

Features of the course include:

- Educational material made available online every two weeks;
- A large bank of dermoscopic images used throughout the course;
- Clinical cases and interactive quizzes (with immediate performance feedback) to be completed online for each module.



Collaborative learning through group discussion forums will be strongly encouraged. In these forums, participants will be able to discuss difficult or interesting cases that they encounter in their practice.

The discussion forums aim to enable students to learn from each other and receive feedback from tutors.

The discussion forums will contribute towards formative assessment and a minimum level of participation will be set and monitored.

## ASSESSMENT

Ongoing summative assessment is provided throughout the course through interactive self assessment quizzes to be completed at the end of each module.

Participants will be required to complete the learning activities before progressing to the next module.

Participants who meet these requirements will be eligible for the final examination.

At the end of the course an online examination will provide the basis for the summative assessment. Participants who are successful in completing the course and the final examination will be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for this course you must be a practising physician who sees patients with skin lesions in your practice.

You do not need to have completed a previous dermatology or dermoscopy course but some knowledge of dermatology is required in order to participate effectively.



## EQUIPMENT

Access to a dermatoscope is highly recommended in order to participate in this course. There are several different types available but the department recommends cross-polarised light dermatoscopes.

Access to camera to share your dermatoscopic pictures with your colleagues is also recommended but not essential.



If you do not own a dermatoscope, the department is happy to provide participants with advice on sourcing one.

## HOW TO APPLY

Go to:

[www.dermatology.org.uk](http://www.dermatology.org.uk)

and click on **'Dermoscopy'** to access the online application form.

If you would like further information about any of our courses, please contact us (details overleaf).

## Contact Us:



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## TESTIMONIALS

Dr John Shewring, Wales

**“This was an excellent course which has totally changed my day-to-day practice in lesion recognition. The modules were well written and practical, with clearly defined learning points which provided a steep learning curve in the use of the dermatoscope. From a clinical governance aspect I would say that any GP that is using a dermatoscope needs to have **done this course.**”**



Dr Paul Proctor, England

**“I was completely new to dermoscopy and I have been very pleasantly surprised about how useful it can be in assessing skin lesions. I feel that I personally needed a course with this amount of detail in order to gain enough confidence to use dermoscopy as a GP. In particular I was impressed that the course had a good balance of background information and more importantly how to deal with the practicalities of decision making in day-to-day practice.”**



## About the Department:

The Department of Dermatology, Cardiff University, is an international centre for dermatology research and teaching. An international team of tutors and lecturers and a team of administrators based in Cardiff are dedicated to running the courses and other educational activities.

The department has won numerous awards including Clinical Teacher of the year in 2011 and Outstanding ICT Initiative at the 2009 Times Higher Leadership and Management Awards.



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