



**2019 AID Membership Course  
Delivered by the Australian Institute of Dermatology**

Thank you for your enquiry about the AID Membership Course. The course is open to all Medical graduates in Australia or Overseas. It will commence in Feb 2019 and run over two semesters of 14 weeks each. The course concentrates on skin diagnosis and treatment which are the fundamental elements of practicing good skin disease management.

**The Australian Institute of Dermatology is based at the John Flynn Private Hospital on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, specializing in online education in Dermatology** See [www.learndermatology.com](http://www.learndermatology.com) and [www.aideducational.com](http://www.aideducational.com)

**Course Hardware Requirements** Mac running Leopard operating system or later or PC Computer running Vista or Windows 7 or 8 or 10 with a broadband internet connection, preferably ADSL 2 or a good wireless connection. A digital camera should be purchased such as the Canon Powershot or the Sony Cybershot series which are easy to use and have excellent macros for taking close up images. The Nikon Coolpix range are also good. Modern Phone Cameras are also acceptable with images transferred to your computer.

**Course Software and Books** You should purchase a copy of Clinical Dermatology by Habif. Get the 6th e edition with website access although the book itself is all that is required for the course. You should also have an Image management program such as [ACD See](#) This allows you to organize and resize your clinical images.

**Course Delivery** The course will be delivered using the Institute's websites [www.myskinconsult.com](http://www.myskinconsult.com) and [www.aidmembership.com](http://www.aidmembership.com) over 14 two weekly modules, 7 in each semester including an Exam Preparation module. In the first week of each module you are expected to read the online module and the relevant chapters in Habif and view the videos associated with that module. At the end of each module there are some MCQs and a written module assessment which you complete online. A Blog runs in the second week of each module where there will be daily cases illustrating features of the topics discussed in the module and a podcast and video explaining the case at the conclusion of the discussion. This blog provides a forum for interaction by the students and their tutor.

**Teleconferences** There will be two, 1 hour video teleconferences , 1 each week, for each module. These are video teleconferences using the Go To Meeting facility during which you will be able to see my monitor screen and interact during my talk. These webinars are all recorded for later viewing. This will be useful if you are unable to make a particular online meeting. These will be run from 8.00-9.00 PM Thursday evenings Australian Eastern Standard time . (plus 10 hrs GMT) The webinars often start 30 mins earlier to discuss cases submitted by candidates to the Virtual Clinical Meeting.

**Assessment** You will be assessed on your written module questions on an ongoing basis, the quality of the 10 cases you submit to the virtual clinical meeting and your results in the two online live examinations held at the end of each Semester. The Exam results make up 70% of your final assessment, the two weekly module assessments make up 20% and your Cases in the VCM make up 10% of the Course assessment. You are required to present 5 cases each semester from your own practice. These are presented by you in the Virtual Clinical Meeting section of the course website, where I and your Tutor will comment on them.

**Tutors** You will be assigned a Tutor when you begin the course. All Tutors are GPs who have passed the Course with Credit or Distinction. They mark your Module assessments every two weeks and give you feedback. They also comment along with myself on your cases in the Virtual Clinical Meeting. They are available to answer any other questions you might have during the course on content or other cases you are seeing in your practice.

**Cost of the Membership Course** The fee for the course, including the weekend meeting, will be \$3650 (Aus) early bird if paid before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 or \$3950 if paid after that date. All fees must be paid 4 weeks before the course begins. The initial deposit to secure a place in the course is \$1000 with the balance payable in full before the cut off dates above. See the Registration form for full payment details. Candidates who pass the Membership Course will have ongoing access to the course websites and the virtual clinical meeting site.

## **Membership Course Module Content**

### **Semester 1**

Module 1A Introduction to skin morphology and diagnosis .

Module 1B Topical Therapy and Topical Steroids

Module 2A Eczema and Hand Dermatitis

Module 2B Contact Dermatitis and Patch Testing

Module 2C Atopic Dermatitis

Module 3A Acne vulgaris and related disorders

Module 3B Rosacea and related disorders

Module 4A Psoriasis and the other Papulosquamous Diseases

Module 4B Psoriasis and the other Papulosquamous Diseases

Module 4C Psoriasis and other Papulosquamous diseases

Module 5A Bacterial Skin Infections

Module 5B Warts, Herpes Simplex and other Viral Infections  
Module 6A Superficial Fungal Infections  
Module 6B Deep Fungal infections, Mycobacteria and Leishmaniasis  
Exam Preparation Module

## Semester 2

Module 7A Viral and Bacterial Exanthems and Drug Eruptions  
Module 7B Infestations and Bites  
Module 8A Vesicular and Bullous diseases  
Module 8B Urticaria, and Angioedema  
Module 9A Connective Tissue Diseases  
Module 9B Hypersensitivity syndromes and Vasculitis  
Module 10A Hair Diseases  
Module 10B Nail diseases  
Module 11A Benign Skin Tumours  
Module 11B Pre-malignant/malignant non melanoma skin tumours and Lymphomas  
Module 11C Nevi and Malignant Melanoma  
Module 12A Dermatological Surgical Procedures and Cosmetic Dermatology  
Module 12 B Cutaneous manifestations of Internal Diseases  
Exam Preparation Module

**The Learn Dermatology Blog** will be used to illustrate and describe cases relevant to each of the modules being discussed. Daily cases will be posted here in the second week of each module. A podcast will accompany each case and a video discussion.

**Continuing Professional Development Points** have been applied for and previously awarded by the relevant Colleges. There are 40 Cat 1 points for the Weekend Workshop and further 40 Cat 1 points for each of the Semester series of interactive webinars and case discussions from the RACGP.

**Starting Dates** The course will commence with the Weekend Workshop on the 2nd and 3rd Feb 2019. The first examination online will be at the end of the first semester on 4<sup>th</sup> May and the second online examination shortly after the completion of the course around the 7th September.

There is a 4 week break between Semesters.

**Weekend Workshop** A Weekend Workshop is included in the course fee. It will be held at the John Flynn Private Hospital at Tugun on the Gold Coast on Sat 2nd Feb 2019 beginning at 10AM and finishing 3rd Feb at 1PM. There will be a series of interactive lectures on all the common skin diseases, practical surgical sessions on excision and biopsies and sessions on Photography and submitting cases to the Virtual Clinical Meeting. Attendance is not compulsory but you need to attend in person to claim the 40 Cat 1 points awarded by the RACGP for that part of the course.

**Preliminary Video Teleconferences** These will start in mid Nov 2018 to allow you to become familiar with the system used. We recommend you purchase a USB headset which combines headphones and a microphone such as the Logitech Clear Chat USB headphones costing around \$45. Accessing these teleconferences also allows you to become familiar with Teledermatology Consultations.

**Previous Candidate Feedback** - You can view the results of an anonymous survey of a previous year's candidates at <https://www.surveymonkey.net/results/SM-BSF7CD2N/>. I have yet to see any other course which offers this type of unaltered feedback to potential candidates but we are confident you will find the course very useful if you put in the work required. We suggest 6-8 hours per week is required including the webinars.

**Important** This Membership Course has no standing with Medicare or other funding or licensing State or Federal authorities. It does not allow you to practice in Australia as a Specialist Dermatologist. It should however give you an excellent grounding in the subject and allow you to be a reference doctor re skin diseases in your practice or local community.

If you have any other questions contact me at [imccoll@ozemail.com.au](mailto:imccoll@ozemail.com.au) or telephone 0755980133 during office hours or fax to 0755980266. From Overseas these numbers are 61755980133 or fax 61755980266.