

Melanoma In NZ

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MelNet: the Melanoma Network of New Zealand Incorporated

MelNet is a network of professionals working together to reduce the incidence and impact of melanoma in New Zealand.

Melanoma in New Zealand

- A massive problemlead the world in rates a dubious honour..
- Now lack, as a nation, a prevention program- slip/slop/slap
- Early detection remains the key. – at the insitu stage
- General Practice plays a critical role in opportunistic detection and continues to make a major contribution.
- Dermoscopy increases the accuracy of clinical diagnosis by 25% + and markedly reduces unnecessary excision rate 1:50- 60 (2-3 decades ago) to now 1:5.
- Recent advances in immunotherapy have rapidly changed the landscape of clinical care for advanced disease.
- We now have NZ Melanoma Standards

2013 ..

- 2366 new cases registered
- 4th most common cancer
- Age standardised incidence rate in
non-Maori men = 42.4 per 100,000 and
non Maori women = 39.0 per 100,000.
- Age standardised rates in Maori men = 6.1 per 100,000 and in
Maori women 8.4per 100,000.

Melanoma Epidemiology NZ

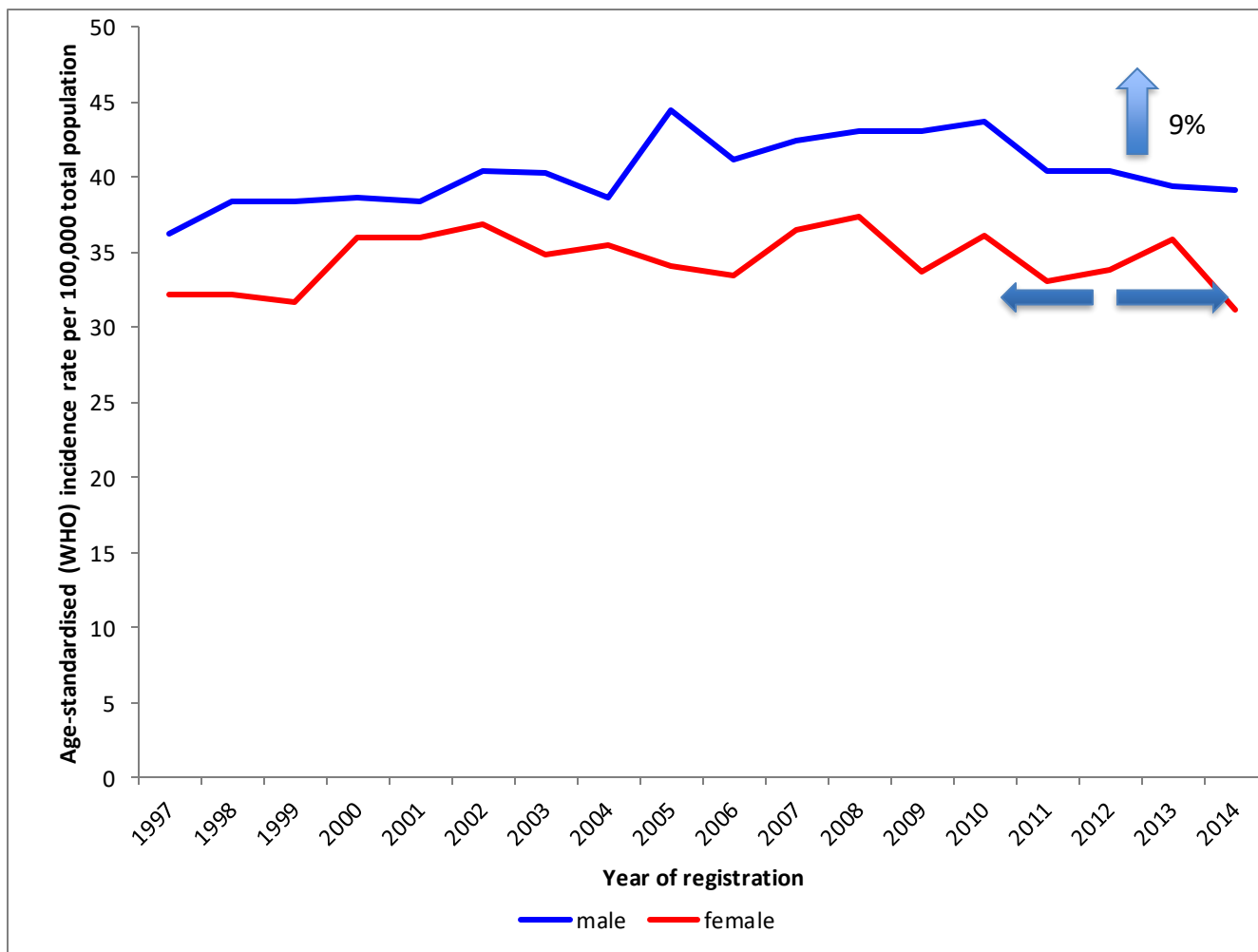
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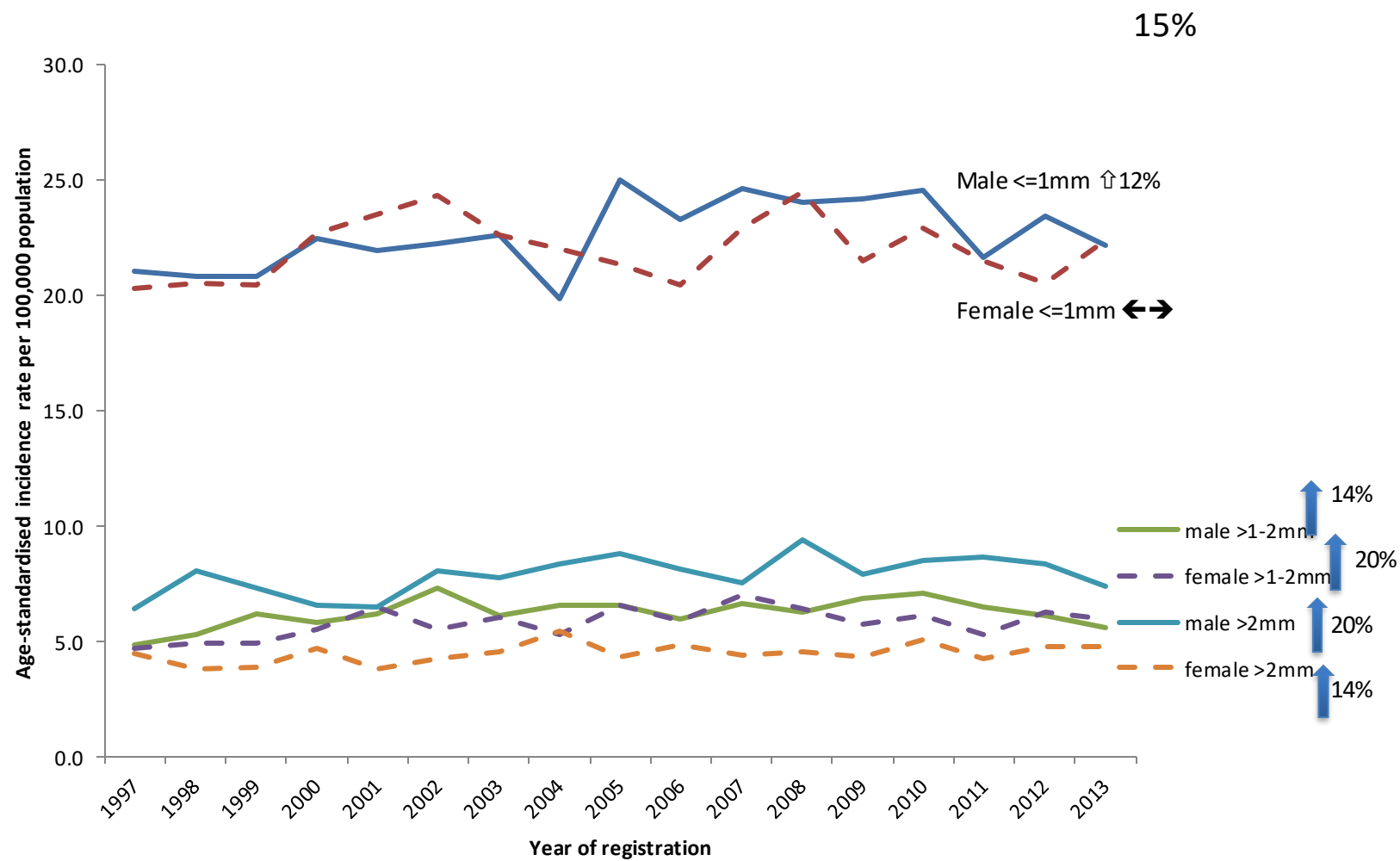


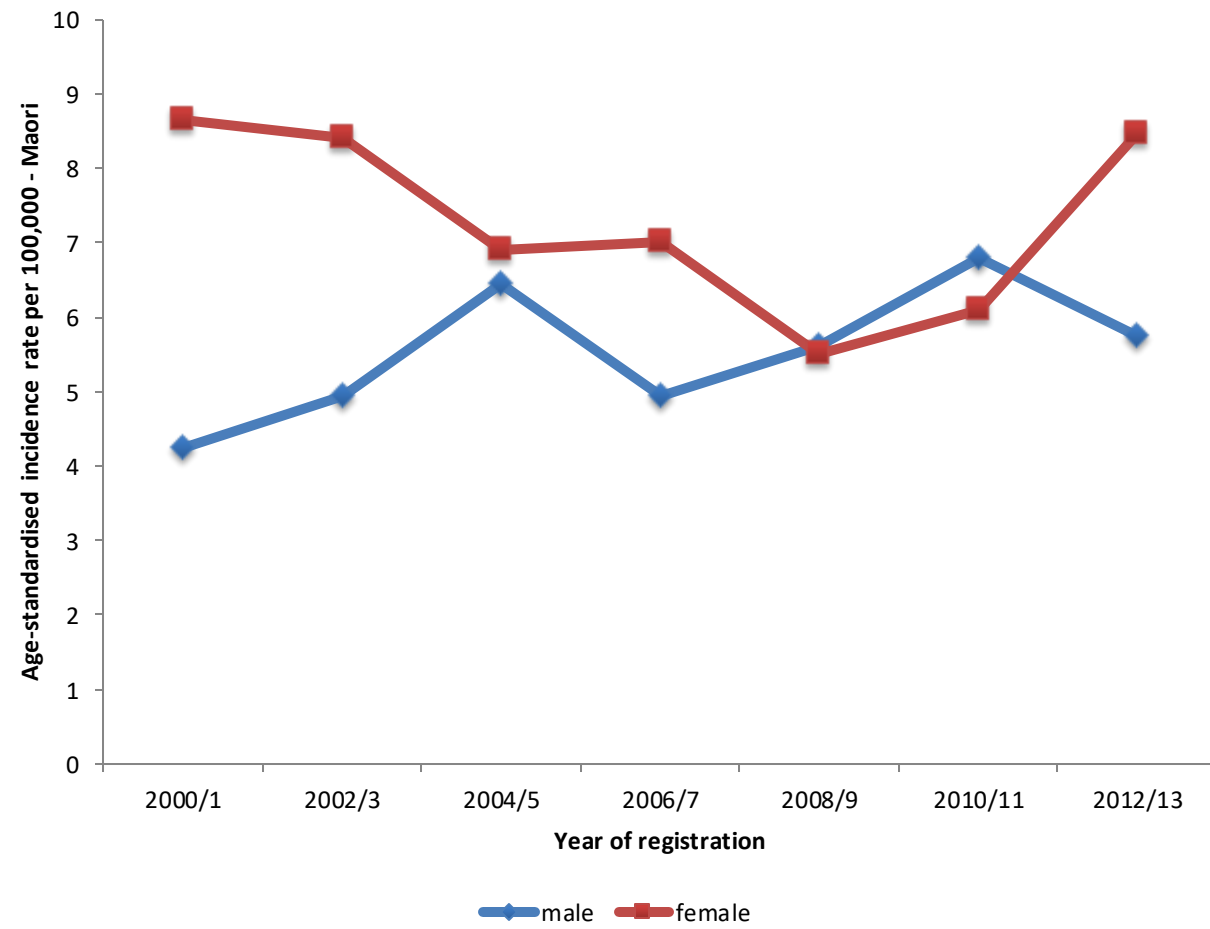
- 365 deaths from melanoma – 9 of them Maori
- Age standardised mortality rates:
non Maori men = 7.2 per 100,000
non Maori women = 3.2 per 100,000.

Non Maori men have consistently higher mortality and incidence rates than women

Maori men and women have a much lower incidence







Melanoma Main Session

- **Peter Soyer** : There are moles.....and there are mole
- **Amanda Oakley** : Does early detection do more harm than good?
- **Rosalie Stephens** : The - ibs and - abs of Advanced Melanoma - immunotherapy
- **Richard Martin** : Surgery in the era of Immune and Targeted therapy.
- **Mike Eccles** :Melanoma Metastasis and Treatment Resistance
- **Andrew MacGill** : The GPs role
- Qs and As – panel discussion