



# MASCED PRO<sup>+</sup>

MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER  
EARLY DETECTION

A National Training Programme  
for Medical and Healthcare Practitioners

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The MASCED PRO training programme has been developed by national melanoma and skin cancer charity 'Skcin' to provide medical and healthcare practitioners with an accessible, cost effective tool with which to develop their knowledge of the early signs and symptoms of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers - giving them a unique opportunity to become powerful advocates in the fight against skin cancer, and save lives.



## WHY INTERVENTION IS SO IMPORTANT

Skin cancer is the UK's most common and fastest rising cancer. Melanoma, the deadliest form of the disease is now one of the biggest killing cancers in 15-34 year olds. 1 in 36 UK males and 1 in 47 UK females will be diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer in their lifetime (CRUK 2018). The early detection of melanoma is vital to improve prognosis, yet ignorance regarding the early signs and symptoms on a personal level and within professional capacities remains widespread. Educational intervention to promote both prevention and early detection is key to reversing the soaring rates of skin cancer in the UK and saving lives.

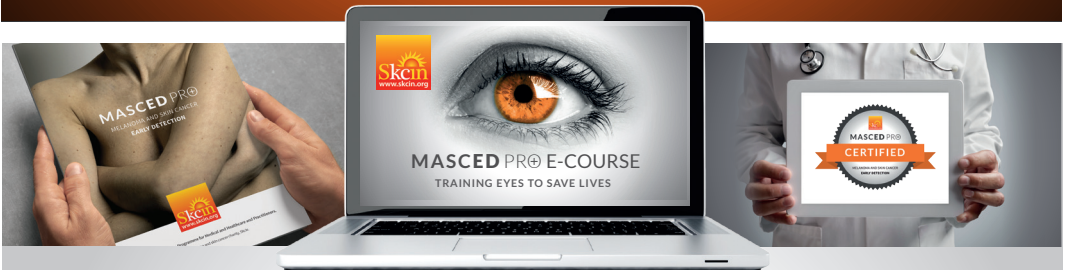


## BECOME A POWERFUL ADVOCATE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SKIN CANCER AND SAVE LIVES.

Medical and healthcare practitioners are uniquely placed to observe abnormalities or changes that may occur on their patient's skin, particularly in areas patients may not be able to see themselves. By taking the time to study the identification of suspicious lesions, practitioners could detect the early signs of skin cancer and advise their patient to take appropriate action. This could prevent their patient(s) from disfigurement through surgery and in the case of spotting melanoma early, improve prognosis and potentially save lives. In addition healthcare practitioners are well placed to advise patients on skin cancer prevention and skin surveillance, enabling their patients to take charge of their own skin health.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE MASCED PRO PROGRAMME

The key objectives of the programme are to: Increase knowledge of the early signs and symptoms of skin cancer, promoting early detection, diagnosis and treatment, to improve prognosis and save lives; in addition to raising awareness of the importance of sun safety, aiding the prevention of around 86% of all skin cancer cases. This is achieved with the provision of effective, on-line training tools combined with quality printed resources, enabling practitioners to integrate this knowledge into their everyday practice and extend vital information on prevention and early detection across their patient communities.



## LEARNING OUTCOMES

With the provision of the training and tools provided by the MASCED PRO training programme, on completion learners will be able to:

- Identify and interpret common signs and symptoms in the assessment of the most common forms of potential non-melanoma and melanoma skin cancers.
- Demonstrate appropriate clinical decision-making in taking action to refer or sign-post patients to appropriate colleagues and / or services.
- Utilise effective communication techniques in the education of their patients in relation to the identification, management and prevention of sun damage and skin cancer.
- Critically reflect on their own clinical practice to identify and develop their understanding of sun damage and non-melanoma and melanoma skin cancers.



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## TRAINING EYES TO SAVE LIVES



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