



**2020 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 February 2020 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

Course Hardware Requirements: Mac running Leopard operating system or later or PC Computer running 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 and www.aidmembership.com over 14 two weekly modules, seven in each semester. 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, one hour video teleconferences, one 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 7.00-8.00 PM Thursday evenings Australian Eastern Standard time. (plus 10 hours 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 ten 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 five 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 AUS \$3,650 (GST inc) early bird if paid before 1st December 2019 or \$3,950 (GST inc) if paid after that date. All fees must be paid four weeks before the course begins.

The initial deposit to secure a place in the course is \$1,000 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 be eligible to take the Institute's Advanced Course. This covers Advanced Dermatology, Derm Surgery, Dermoscopy, Dermatopathology and Cosmetic Dermatology. It comprises over 60 hours of video instruction on these topics.

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 5 Bacterial Skin Infections and Bacterial Venereal Diseases

Module 6 Warts, Herpes Simplex and other Viral Infections including AIDS

Module 7A Superficial Fungal Infections

Module 7B Deep Fungal infections, Mycobacteria and Leishmaniasis

Semester 2

Module 8A Viral and Bacterial Exanthems and Drug Eruptions

Module 8B Infestations and Bites

Module 9A The Itching patient

Module 9B Vesicular and Bullous Diseases

Module 10A Connective Tissue Diseases

Module 10B Urticaria, and Angioedema

Module 10C Hypersensitivity syndromes and Vasculitis

Module 11A Light related Diseases

Module 11B Disorders of Pigmentation

Module 12A Hair Diseases

Module 12B Nail diseases

Module 13A Benign Skin Tumours

Module 13B Pre-malignant/malignant non melanoma skin tumours and Lymphomas

Module 13C Nevi and Malignant Melanoma

Module 14 A Cutaneous manifestations of Internal Diseases

Module 14B Dermatological Surgical Procedures and Cosmetic Dermatology

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 one points for the Weekend Workshop and further 40 Cat one 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 1st and 2nd February 2020. The first examination online will be at the end of the first semester on 23rd May and the second online examination shortly after the completion of the course around the 26th September.

There is a four week break between Semesters.

Preliminary Video Teleconferences: These will start in mid November 2019 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.

Previous Candidate Feedback: You can view the results of an anonymous survey of last 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 six-eight 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 regarding skin diseases in your practice or local community.

If you have any other questions contact me at imccoll@ozemail.com.au or telephone 0755980133 during office hours or fax to 0755980266 From overseas these numbers are 61755980133 or fax 61755980266.