



# SCI Newsletter

## Remembering a great leader

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David S. Alberts, MD. Dr. Alberts was a dedicated physician and scientist. As a founding member and director of the Arizona Cancer Center for 8 years (2005-2013), he was a national leader in the war on cancer. He recognized the tremendous value of prevention in the fight against cancer and was always thinking ahead about new ways to help individuals avoid this devastating disease. His passion for cancer treatment and prevention was indisputable, and he always inspired others to continue finding ways to tackle the disease and make a difference.



Dr. Alberts co-founded the Skin Cancer Institute (SCI) in 2006 with the ultimate mission to prevent and cure skin cancer. He recognized the complex nature of skin cancer. He knew the ultimate solution was approaching the challenge from every angle, including raising awareness, maximizing early detection, and investing in new therapeutic discoveries. To this day, the SCI brings together innovative research, visionary patient care, and life-changing education and outreach to attain our ultimate goal of reducing skin cancer incidence in Arizona. We at the SCI mourn the loss of Dr. Alberts and his ever-lasting vision. We will continue to honor his life and work through striving to better prevent, detect, and cure skin cancer.

## Seed Grant Winners 2023



**Mark Nelson, PhD**  
"Molecular detection of  
indeterminate melanocytic  
lesions"



**Rui Xiong, PhD**  
"Inducing DNA Mismatch  
Repair Defects to Restore  
ICI Sensitivity in Melanoma"

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# FIGHT MELANOMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

**OCTOBER 28, 2023**

Event opens: 7:00am  
Tournament starts: 8:30am  
Lunch served: 1:30pm

Omni Tucson National Resort  
2727 W. Club Drive, Tucson, AZ 85742  
\$175 per adult (Includes 18 holes & lunch)  
\$39 qualifies as a tax deductible donation  
\$50 Lunch only  
\$10 qualifies as a tax deductible donation

Day of event purchases:  
Mulligans • Pay the Pro • Raffle Tickets  
(Payment does not qualify as tax deductible donation)

Visit:  
[fightmelanomatoday.org](http://fightmelanomatoday.org) or scan the QR code  
for more information

Join us for a round of golf and lunch this fall! The Skin Cancer Institute usually hosts the Melanoma Walk during the fall season, but this year we're trying something new! In place of the Walk, we're hosting a round of 18 holes of golf at Omni Tucson National Resort. There will be many fun activities, including the chance to enter a raffle for many amazing prizes. You may choose to golf, or just **come for lunch after**.

Registration is now open! Visit the site in the flyer above or use the QR code for more information.

## Spreading sun safety into the community!

We are proud to announce that the SCI won a grant from the Prevent Cancer Foundation! We are excited to start work on our Community Ambassadors in Sun Safety Program. This project will train community volunteers to present our current Project SASS (Students Are Sun Safe) curriculum and presentations to the young people of Tucson. We will model existing docent programs like the Master Gardeners program with the aim to engage, train, and support community members to present relevant and interesting health education materials to youth within our community.

If you are interested in being part of this pilot project, or if you are interested in a sun safe presentation for your school, please contact the program coordinator, Dylan Miller at:  
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