



Newsletter

MISSION:
PREVENT AND
CURE SKIN
CANCER

Thank You Summer Sanders



The Skin Cancer Institute partnered with Olympic gold medalist swimmer and television host Summer Sanders to create a video on sun protection. In the video, Summer talks about her personal experiences being diagnosed with melanoma, gives advice that she would give to anyone who has received a skin cancer diagnosis, and offers helpful hints to athletes on how to stay sun safe.

This video will be used in the University of Arizona's student athlete success class, schools throughout Arizona, and posted online to reach a wide audience.

Thanks to Summer for helping us spread the word about sun safety and for sharing her experiences! [View the video here.](#)

Festival of Books

It is wonderful to have our sunscreen stations back out at community events!

We even got to highlight our new touch-free sunscreen dispenser at the annual Tucson Festival of Books on March 12th and 13th.

Over a gallon of sunscreen was used by visitors to the event. We know that many attendees come from other areas of the country, and surveys tell us they are happy for the sunscreen at the event, and appreciate the reminder to be sun safe!

Not only do our dispensers supply free sunscreen to local outdoor events, but they include education on how to be sun safe and how to properly apply sunscreen.

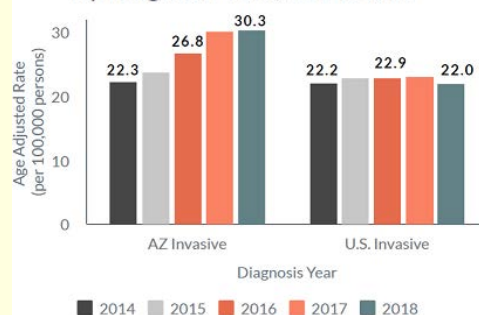
These dispensers are available for rent. [For more info, click here](#)



Melanoma Task Force

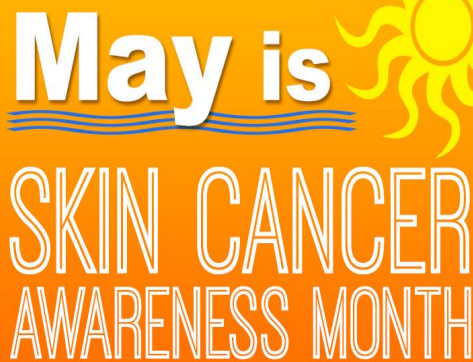
In 2012, the faculty at the SCI observed a substantial drop in melanoma incidence rates as reported to the Arizona Cancer Registry. Because of concerns that these changes represented under-reporting rather than real change, a statewide public health partnership (The Arizona Melanoma Task Force) was formed to assess the degree of under-reporting of melanoma, identify barriers to reporting by providers, and recommend strategies for increasing reporting.

Invasive Melanoma Age Adjusted Rates by Diagnosis Year, 2014-2018



The task force has been successful in changing reporting practices. The more accurate rates can be seen in the table above.

[See latest full report here.](#)



May is SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

During the month of May, the SCI and other organizations throughout the country are encouraging people to do their part to raise awareness about the dangers of skin cancer. Avoiding too much sun, covering up, and using sunscreen are key to preventing skin cancer. Early detection is important too. When skin cancer is caught early, it is usually treatable. Join the SCI in celebrating the month of May by protecting and checking your skin!

Key Dates for the Month of May

Melanoma Monday - First Monday of May

The aim of Melanoma Monday is to raise awareness about this deadly disease. Melanoma is an aggressive form of skin cancer that when left untreated can spread rapidly to other areas of the body. Melanoma can be deadly if it is not found and treated in the early stages. [Learn more here!](#)

Don't Fry Day - Friday before Memorial Day

To help reduce rising rates of skin cancer caused by overexposure to the ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun and tanning beds, the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has designated the Friday before Memorial Day as "Don't Fry Day" to encourage sun safety awareness and to remind everyone to protect their skin while enjoying the outdoors.

[Learn more here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE

St. Phillips Farmers Market March
26th
St. Phillips Plaza

Be Safe Saturday
March 26th
Tucson Medical Center

UA Health Sciences Outreach
Table April 25th
Walkway of Wellness

UA Melanoma Awareness Month
May 2nd
UA Mall

Have You Been Told by Your Doctor That You Have Actinic Keratoses or Moles?

The Skin Cancer Institute and Skin Cancer Prevention Program at the University of Arizona Cancer Center are creating a sample repository or "bank" to be used for future research to better understand the biology and treatment of skin cancer. This research will be based on:

- Personal health information of study participants
- Medical and treatment history for skin cancer or pre-cancerous skin lesions and moles
- Collection of tissue, blood, and saliva samples which will be stored and used for laboratory tests

We are seeking study participants who have a history of actinic keratoses, also called "pre-cancers", and skin nevi, which are also called "moles". Along with health and medical questionnaires, medical records may be reviewed by approved study personnel to obtain information about medical history pertaining to skin cancer and treatments. Small amounts of blood and saliva are collected, and small skin samples may be collected from actinic keratoses and normal skin moles, as well as from areas of sun damaged skin and sun protected skin.

Compensation for time and travel will be provided to qualified study participants.

For more information and to request a phone interview, please call 520-321-7747.



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