



Newsletter



Celebrate Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Throughout the month on May, people are encouraged to do their part to raise awareness about skin cancer.

Avoiding too much sun, covering up, and using sunscreen are the keys to preventing skin cancer. Early detection is important too. When skin cancer is caught early, it is usually very treatable.

We will be celebrating with a kick-off lunch and presentation on Friday, May 5th, followed by a month of educational video presentations given by our faculty and staff. Registration opens soon!

Save the date

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Skin Cancer Awareness Month

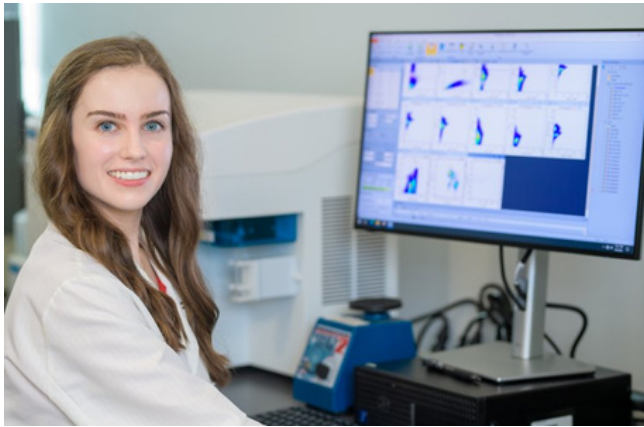
- Melanoma Monday
May 1st
- Don't Fry Day
May 26th

Healthy Skin Seminar Series Kick-off Lunch

- Friday, May 5th,
11:30-1pm

SCI presentations on skin cancer topics and current research

- More to come!



Advances in Squamous Cell Skin Cancer Research

Angela Adams has been awarded a National Cancer Institute training grant for her work in squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) in mice, using a new mouse model that she created to simulate skin cancer in humans. The research she is conducting will provide new insights into the role of tumor-specific T cells in SCC, which may improve outcomes for patients with this type of skin cancer.

Angela is a MD/PhD candidate working with Dr. Karen Hastings in her lab at the UA Cancer Center. She became interested in skin cancer research during her first year of medical school, when she attended lectures given by Dr. Hastings on topics in dermatology. She won an American Skin Association Medical Student Grant Targeting Melanoma and Skin Cancer in 2022. This grant allowed her to identify tumor-specific T cells that can recognize and destroy SCC. We look forward to seeing how her research progresses in the fields of skin cancer treatment and prevention.

NEW FACES AT THE SCI

Ivo Abraham, PhD, RN

Dr. Abraham joins us from the UA Center for Health Outcomes and Pharmacoeconomic Research. His work focuses on real-world evidence of the effectiveness and safety of approved therapeutics through observational studies. He and his team also analyze the results of multiple studies on effectiveness and safety of treatments, including those for skin cancer.



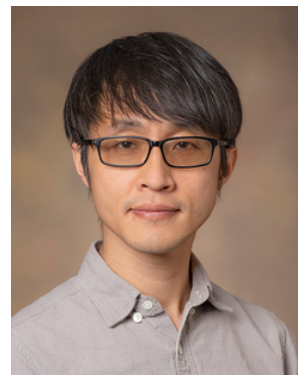
Abhijit Date, PhD

Dr. Date joins us from UA Pharmaceutical Sciences. He and his research group focus on drug repurposing and reformulation for the treatment of various viral, fungal, and bacterial infections. His research also includes drug repurposing for melanoma therapy.



Dongkyun Kang (DK), PhD

Dr. Kang joins us from the UA College of Optical Sciences. His research focuses on optical microscopy technologies and improving patient care using these technologies. His work includes smartphone microscope technologies that may someday be used to advance diagnosis of certain cancers, as well as screening of skin cancers.



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