



Newsletter

Thank you for your vision!



Dr. Robin Harris is retiring as a UA professor, researcher, and co-director of the Skin Cancer Institute (SCI). Robin has been a wonderful teacher, mentor and colleague to many people, for many years and will be so missed. She has dedicated her career to improving the health of our community and has worked tirelessly to reduce skin cancer rates in Arizona.

She helped build the SCI from the ground up and brought to life the vision of uniting patient care, community outreach, education, and research under one collaborative roof. She helped create Project SASS (Students Are Sun Safe) to train young adults in sun safety so they could teach middle school and high school students the same messages, and even got it added to the UA curriculum! She also facilitated the creation of a skin cancer registry to collect information on skin cancer incidence to be used by doctors and researchers to better understand the causes of skin cancer. These are just a few of the many ways Robin has contributed to the SCI's mission to prevent and cure skin cancer.

We are so grateful for Robin's insight, perseverance, and passion for everything she does. We thank you for your vision and belief in the power of education and collaboration.

Good luck in the next chapter of your story Robin. We know you will make the most of retirement!

Dates to Remember

Skin Cancer Awareness Month

- Melanoma Monday
May 6th
- Don't Fry Day
May 31st

Fight Melanoma Golf Tournament & Lunch

- November 9th at
Sewailo Golf Club

More to come!

COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS ARE SPREADING SUN SAFE MESSAGES!

We completed our first "Community Ambassadors for Skin Cancer Prevention" workshop, and trained several participants who are now ready to share what they learned with others in the community.

[READ MORE ABOUT IT HERE.](#)



May is

**SKIN CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**

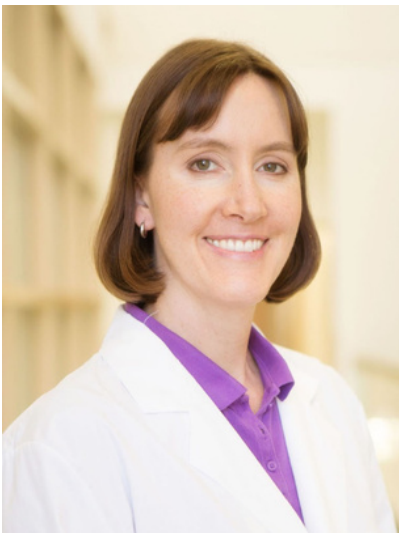
Join us for Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Throughout the month of 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 presentations on our crowdfunding page. We will also have several fundraising events with participating restaurants around town:

- **The Graduate: 4pm-7pm on May 5th**
930 E 2nd St. We will have a table at this event. [RSVP today!](#)
- **Panda Express: All day May 7th 20% of sales go to the SCI at the 1303 E University location only.** [Download info here!](#)
- **Eegee's: 4pm-7pm on May 21st 15% of sales go to the SCI at the 2510 E. Speedway Blvd. location only.** Tell them the Skin Cancer Institute sent you!

RESEARCH NEWS



Congratulations to Sally Dickinson, PhD for winning a pilot study award from The University of Arizona Cancer Center and the Cancer Prevention and Control Program for her work on “Immune profiling of TLR4-inhibited mouse skin”. Dr. Dickinson is a Research Associate Professor in Pharmacology, and an executive member of the Skin Cancer Institute.

Skin cancer is still the most common form of cancer worldwide, and innovative prevention strategies are a powerful tool to help reduce skin cancer rates. Dr. Dickinson’s study will look more closely at how immune cells in the skin react to ultraviolet radiation. This could help clarify how mechanisms in the skin regulate immune responses, and how they could be harnessed to create better skin cancer prevention products in the future.

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