

THE SKIN CANCER INSTITUTE

Our mission is to prevent and cure skin cancer.

Students Bring SASS to the Border

The incidence of skin cancer is rising in Hispanic populations. The SCI's Lois Loescher, PhD, RN, FAAN, and her team adapted the Students Are Sun Safe (SASS) program to address the unique needs of high school students living along the U.S.-Mexico border.

A study funded by the Arizona Area Health Education Program (AzaHEC), aimed to fill gaps in our knowledge of sun safe behaviors in Hispanic populations through the adapted SASS program. Loescher partnered with the Nogales' Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center (SEAHEC) to ensure that the training was both age appropriate, and sensitive to the culture of border youth.

The Border SASS model trained students from Bisbee, Douglas and Nogales High schools. They were then asked to present the sun safe messages they had learned to their classmates. So far, the training and classroom lesson have been a success! Initial data suggest that both the peer educators and the students significantly improved their skin cancer prevention knowledge scores and their self-reported sun safe behaviors after the training/lesson.

Border SASS is the first program to target rural Hispanic adolescents as peer educators for sun safety. There is little information on skin cancer risk factors in Hispanic populations, and Loescher's study will hopefully shed some new light on how other cultures view skin cancer risk, while teaching students the importance of skin cancer prevention.



Students practice skin analyzer activity during training

Annual Melanoma Walk



Walk high-five!

Our 8th annual Melanoma Walk, held on Saturday, November 4th, was a success again this year!

Nearly 300 people came out to walk on the UA main campus mall. We raised almost \$60,000, had 18 major sponsors, and 40 in-kind donations! We also screened 40 people for skin cancer, and diagnosed several possible skin cancers, including 2 melanomas!

The Walk raises funds to support skin cancer research, outreach and skin cancer awareness, while giving people the opportunity to support loved ones that have been affected by melanoma. You can still visit the Walk website to learn more and donate today! fightmelanomatoday.org

Ray takes a trip

Our mascot "Ray" attended the first ever US competition among dermatology resident training programs held at the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) conference in San Diego in February. The SCI's own doctors, Clara Curiel and Alan Levin were the Arizona team coaches. All agreed it was a great way to sharpen skills in the diagnosis of melanoma and other skin cancers and skin lesions. Ray was a great cheering section!



The Arizona team in San Diego

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2nd Annual SaddleBrooke fundraiser for the SCI

The SCI teamed up with the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club and The University of Arizona Women's and Men's Tennis Teams on Saturday, November 18th. This was the 2nd annual event to raise skin cancer awareness and provide education on prevention and detection, while raising funds toward continuing our mission to prevent and cure skin cancer. They raised over \$3,000 for the SCI! Thanks to everyone who came. It was a great day!

Thank you to our newest Skin cancer Prevention Friends (SPF):

Linda Block

Eric and Joy Creson

Ben Kruse

Dana Smith

Srinath Sundararajan

Katherine Ward

Introducing the NEW

Skin cancer Prevention Friends (SPF)

A variety of different membership packages are now available to fit your needs.

Why become **S**kin cancer **P**revention **F**riend?

- Make a difference in your own life by learning more about skin cancer prevention
- Make a difference in your community by supporting the skin cancer prevention education and research efforts of the SCI

Each level of support has different benefits, including:

- Newsletter & alerts of Skin Cancer Institute events
- Discount to our annual spring luncheon, featuring speakers addressing skin cancer treatment & prevention
- Free registrations to annual Melanoma Walk
- And much more!

SPF 30: \$125

SPF 40: \$300

SPF 50 - \$500

SPF 70 - \$1,000

SPF Champion - \$5,000

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