Melanoma Walk ‘19

We are so proud to have hosted the 10th annual Melanoma Walk on Saturday, November 9th. Over 250 people and 17 teams came out to support someone they love that has been affected by melanoma. It was a beautiful afternoon full of time with old friends and some new ones too. We walked to celebrate our melanoma survivors, while raising funds to support the SCI’s continuing mission to prevent and cure skin cancer.

Every year, the money raised at the Walk helps us continue our work in skin cancer research, outreach, and awareness. This year, we raised over $50,000 and checked 36 people for skin cancer in our free screening before the Walk. The Walk would not have been such a success without the help of our many students, faculty, and community volunteers. Thank you!

You can still visit the Walk website to learn more and donate today! Your gift helps the SCI continue research and provide programming for our community. Go to: www.fightmelanomatoday.org

SCI was highlighted in the CDC Progress Report this year!

Ever since the Surgeon General’s “Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer” 5 years ago, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has put out an annual report highlighting some of the great community partners working to reduce disease incidence in the United States. This report includes the latest national data on melanoma incidence and mortality, sun protection behaviors, indoor tanning, sunburn, vitamin D levels, and state legislation related to skin cancer prevention. The report also includes highlights from recent CDC-led skin cancer publications and success stories from the field.

This year, the many programs of the SCI were acknowledged, including Project SASS, Hats ON, and our annual Melanoma Walk. We are so proud to be a partner in this Call to Action!
The ‘Skin Cancer Seed Grant Research’ competition is designed to help University of Arizona researchers test novel ideas for prevention, detection or treatment of melanoma and other skin cancers. These proposals are small grants designed to be ‘seeds’ to help new research ideas grow into larger research proposals that can be competitive for national funding, and to help young investigators grow their careers. The money used to fund our seed grants comes from community donors. Thank you!

Seed Grant Winners 2019-2020

"A pilot, randomized-controlled trial on the efficacy of a micro-learning-based skin cancer early detection intervention for primary care nurse practitioners"

The objective of this proposal is to conduct a pilot randomized-controlled trial to test the efficacy of a novel digital educational intervention for primary care nurse practitioners, to improve their early detection skills using a comprehensive clinical skin examination.

Delaney Stratton, NP, PhD

"A Novel Mechanism in the Immune Suppression Repertoire of Metastatic Melanoma"

The object of this proposal is to illuminate the mechanism by which cancer cells evade and/or suppress the immune system. We believe that this mechanism prevents our natural immune system from recognizing or destroying the cells that no longer obey the principles of normal cellular function.

Khiem A Tran, PhD

"Skin scanner device for skin cancer diagnosis and prognosis"

The object of this proposal is to develop a "skin scanner device" to be designed, fabricated, and tested on animal models, which can determine the presence, type, and extent of skin cancer, without making physical contact or using any chemicals, reagents, or pre-treatments.

Jeong-Yeol Yoon, PhD

Thank You!
To our newest SPF members

Dean Bell
Sandra Hansen
Jim Martinez
Evan and Caleb Miller

Susan and Leo Nenortas
Colin Ziegler

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