BE SUN SMART! ¡Actúe inteligentemente respecto al sol!

Facts to think about

• Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S.
• One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime
• African Americans, Asians and Hispanics – can and do get skin cancer

Cosas para pensar

• El cáncer de piel es la forma más común de cáncer en los Estados Unidos
• Uno de cada cinco americanos desarrollará cáncer del piel a lo largo de su vida
• Los afroamericanos, asiáticos e hispanos – pueden desarrollar y de hecho desarrollan cáncer de piel

Tanned skin is damaged skin

• Never tan in the sun or use tanning beds
• If you use a tanning bed you are more likely to develop melanoma
• UV rays from indoor tanning are cancer-causing
• Sunburns at any age increase your risk for melanoma

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• Nunca se broncee al sol o use camas bronceadoras
• Si usa una cama bronceadora (tanning bed) usted tiene de probabilidades de desarrollar melanoma
• Los rayos UV de los bronceados en lugares cubiertos producen cáncer.
• Las quemaduras solares a cualquier edad aumentan su riesgo de desarrollar melanoma

Skin Cancer Prevention
Prevención contra el cáncer de piel

• Use sun protection all day and be very careful during midday hours (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Seek SHADE  Skin not protected in the sun can be damaged in just minutes!

Este bajo la SOMBRA ¡La piel sin proteger al sol puede dañarse en tan solo unos minutos!

COVER UP with tightly-woven clothing, wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses and UV protection.

TÁPESE con telas de tejido apretado, sombreros de ala ancha y gafas solares con protección.

USE SUNSCREEN and LIP BALM with SPF 30 or higher.

USE FILTRO SOLAR y BÁLSAMO PARA LOS LABIOS con un SPF de 30 o más.

IF DETECTED EARLY, most skin cancer is highly CURABLE

See a doctor if you have:
• Suspicious skin area
• Sore that does not heal
• Change in a mole, freckle or skin growth
• New growth on skin

REAPPLY sunscreen and lip balm every hour after going outside, after swimming or perspiring.

VUELVA A APLICAR el filtro solar y bálsamo para los labios cada hora después de estar al aire libre, después de nada o sudar.

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Information is the key to prevention! ¡La información es la clave para la prevención!
Melanoma incidence rates have been increasing for at least 30 years.

Before age 40, the incidence rate in women is twice that in men. After 40, the rate is higher in men. Among those 80 and older, the rate in men is three times that in women.

Skin cancers account for nearly half of all cancers diagnosed in the United States.

Texas ranks fourth in the U.S. for estimated number of new cases of melanoma, with about 3,930 individuals who will be diagnosed in 2013.

35 percent of melanomas are diagnosed in individuals under age 55.

Estimated annual cost of melanoma treatment in the U.S. is $1 billion.

Risk factors:
- Sunburns
- Exposure to ultraviolet radiation from sun and tanning beds
- Fair complexion
- Many or abnormal moles
- Personal or family history of skin cancer
- Occupational exposure to coal, tar, pitch, creosote, arsenic or radium
- Immunosuppression, common among organ transplant recipients and individuals with HIV infection and autoimmune diseases

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Know your ABCDEs: Asymmetry, Border irregularity, Color variation, Diameter of 6mm or larger, Evolving (mole or skin lesion that looks different from the rest or is changing in size, shape or color)

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