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DERMATOLOGISTS OFFER FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING

DALLAS--Skin cancer will affect more Americans this year than any other form of malignancy. Fortunately, the chances for a cure are higher if the cancer is found early.

Dermatologists from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas will hold a free skin cancer screening on May 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Paul Medical Center's outpatient clinic. Dr. R. Stan Taylor, assistant professor of dermatology at UT Southwestern, is director of a Dallas-wide skin cancer screening project, which will be conducted at five Dallas medical centers. The annual event is organized by the American Cancer Society and cosponsored by the Dallas Dermatological Society.

"Dermatologists will examine lesions and give complete skin exams if requested," Taylor said. "If a lesion requires a biopsy or further follow-up, the patient will be referred to a list of neighborhood physicians for appointments." Educational material about early diagnosis and prevention of skin cancer will be available at the screenings.

For information about the screenings, call (214) 631-3850.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.