

FREE SCREENINGS DISCLOSE SUSPECTED SKIN CANCERS

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North Raleigh Area Dermatologists conducted free skin cancer screenings on *May 18 and June 29, 2009* at *The American Institute of Healthcare and Fitness (AIHF)*. Approximately 72 people, many of whom had never been examined before by a dermatologist, attended the screening.

The free screenings were conducted as part of Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month in May and were organized by The Dermatology Center of Raleigh. Dr. Carol Trakimas and two other area Dermatologists volunteered their time in support of the national program sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology and *supported by the American Cancer Society at the AIHF*.

Of the 72 people screened, 27 had suspected cancerous or suspicious lesions. The Doctors said that of those screened one case could possibly be melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer.

“More than one million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year. However, if detected and treated early, this disease can often be cured, thus Dermatologists, who are the experts in skin, are particularly trained and committed to skin cancer screening” Dr. Trakimas said.

It is estimated that more than 116,500 new cases of melanoma will occur in 2008 and more than 8,420 people are expected to die of the disease. One American dies from melanoma almost every hour. More than 75 percent of skin cancer deaths are from melanoma.

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