THE SKIN CANCER PREVENTION MINI SKIN CANCER HANDBOOK

The Facts About Skin Cancer



1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime.



Your risk for developing melanoma doubles if you have had more than five sunburns.



1 person dies of melanoma every hour.



Regular daily use of SPF 15 or higher sunscreen reduces risk of melanoma by 50%.



Nearly 50% of Americans who live to age 65 will have skin cancer at least once.



People who first use a tanning bed before age 35 increase their risk for melanoma by 75%.

How to Protect Your Skin



- A. Seek the shade, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- B. Do not burn.
- C. Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.



- D. Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- E. Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.
- **F.** Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.



- G. Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.
- H. Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
- I. See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.

