

## **Tulane Medical Center to offer free skin cancer screenings**

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Tulane University School of Medicine's dermatology department will offer free skin cancer screenings from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 10, in the Dermatology Clinic on the fifth floor of Tulane Medical Center, 1415 Tulane Ave.

"Screenings offer the best chance for catching cancer early, when it is most curable," said Dr. Andrea Murina, assistant professor of clinical medicine. "We encourage everyone to take charge of their health and participate in our free skin cancer screening opportunity."

The free screenings involve full- or upper-body skin assessments or spot skin checks by a Tulane dermatologist. If suspicious lesions are found, patients will be encouraged to contact their personal physicians, or they will be referred to a Tulane dermatologist.

No treatments or biopsies will be performed, and appointments are not necessary. Walk-in patients are welcomed.

The most common serious form of skin cancer is melanoma. According to the American Cancer Society, melanoma accounts for less than 5 percent of all skin cancer diagnoses, but the vast majority of skin cancer deaths, and incidence rates for melanoma have been increasing steadily for the last 30 years. Approximately 76,690 Americans will be diagnosed with melanoma this year, and 9,480 will die from the disease.

Those who have experienced severe sunburn or have a history of sun exposure, those with fair skin who burn easily and anyone experiencing a recent change in the appearance of a mole should consider being screened.

Validated parking is available in Tulane's LaSalle St. Garage, located on the corner of Tulane and LaSalle streets.

For more information on Tulane's free skin cancer screenings, please contact the Tulane Dermatology Clinic at 504-988-1700.