

UMCNO Cancer Center in New Orleans Present Successful Skin Cancer Screening Southshore residents screened for cancer in fun, festive atmosphere

(New Orleans, LA) Nearly 80 Southshore residents took proactive measures to protect their health by participating in a UMCNO Cancer Center Skin Cancer Screening. Southshore residents received screenings for Skin Cancer at no cost at the August 3, 2016 event.

To address the high average of late-stage skin cancer diagnoses in New Orleans, UMCNO Cancer Center hosted a Free Skin Cancer Screening in collaboration with Dr. Brian Lee and Dr. Erin Boh from UMCNO Dermatology Clinic using the American Academy of Dermatology guidelines.

The event was held after hours in the UMCNO Cancer Center on August 3, 2016, from 5pm to 8 pm. In the three-hour event, approximately 80 people were screened for skin cancer, 35 people were recommended for follow up and 22 people were recommended for biopsy.

Skin cancer prevention and sun safety materials were also provided to attendees. The Cancer Center's patient navigator spoke to all 35 patients before leaving and remained in contact with them to assist with any follow-up care barriers.

Any participants who received an abnormal finding are being assisted by a patient navigator to ensure necessary follow-up care is promptly accessed.

"Skin Cancer affects 1 in 5 Americans, but it has a better than 99% cure rate if detected and treated early," said David M. Brandt, UMCNO Director of Cancer Services. "UMCNO Cancer Center takes pride in events that promote cancer awareness and early detection in the community."

UMCNO Cancer Center provides latest technologies for the early detection and prevention of cancer, as well as the most up-to-date treatment options based upon national treatment guidelines put forth by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). We utilize a team approach to discuss a personalized treatment plan for each patient, developing a consensus of care through our scheduled conferences attended by all of our cancer physicians and specialists from medical, surgical and radiation oncology.

About University Medical Center New Orleans

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