

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

(New Orleans, LA) Nearly 70 Southshore residents took proactive measures to protect their health by participating in a UMCNO Cancer Center Head and Neck Cancer Screening. Southshore residents received screenings for Head and Neck Cancer at no cost at the September 22, 2017 event.

To address the high average of late-stage Head and Neck cancer diagnoses in New Orleans, UMCNO Cancer Center hosted a Free Head and Neck Cancer Screening in collaboration with Dr. Walvekar and UMCNO Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic using the Oral Head and Neck Cancer Alliance (OHANCA) standards.

The event was held during business hours in the UMCNO Cancer Conference Center on September 22, 2017, from 11am to 2pm. In the three-hour event, approximately 70 people were screened for Head and Neck cancer and 7 people were recommended for follow up.

Head and Neck cancer prevention and smoking cessation materials were also provided to attendees. The Cancer Center's patient navigator spoke to all 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.

"Treatment of head and neck cancers requires the assistance of many different professionals, such as surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, dentists, nutritionists, and speech therapists," 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 our cancer physicians and specialists from medical, surgical and radiation oncology.

About University Medical Center New Orleans

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