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### *ESCF kindergarten project starts the new season*

Before the beginning of spring the European Skin Cancer Foundation (ESCF) started the new season for the “SunPass – Healthy Sun fun for Kids” project. In cooperation with the German Cancer Society and its subsidiaries several kindergartens will be awarded for their efforts in sun protection in 2013.



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Some of the new “SunPass” partners were informed about skin cancer prevention and trained for the project implementation on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Eleven subsidiaries in total are supporting the project at the moment and are training the educators, parents and grandparents about a reasonable handling with the sun.

70 kindergartens from nine counties in Germany successfully finished their sun protection training and were awarded with the SunPass certificate within the last years. The knowledge of all parties concerned has improved and well-aimed measures have been implemented.

### **See more at:**

<http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/projects/sunpass.html>

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*About 30 German dermatologists were trained during the Partner Class*



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The first ESCF-Partner Class of this year took place on the 15 and 16 February 2013. About 30 dermatologists from Germany informed themselves about news of prevention, diagnoses and therapy of skin cancer in the Skin Cancer Center Charité Berlin.

The topics included the role of HPV infections in skin carcinogenesis, new technologies for skin cancer diagnoses, as well as the update on the treatment of cutaneous lymphoma and malignant melanoma and other options for skin cancer therapies. Clinical cases of the daily hospital routine completed the workshop and led to a fruitful discussion about the most effective treatment options.



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The aim of the Partner Class is to give other dermatologists the latest specific information in order to create uniform strategies to reduce the skin cancer incidence and to develop best possible therapies for skin cancer patients.

**See more at:**

<http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/about-30-german-dermatologists-were-trained-during-the-partner-class.html>

### *Tanning beds are not necessary against vitamin D lack*

The human body does not need UV light from the tanning beds in order to prevent a vitamin D lack. According to dermatologists and radiation experts it is normally sufficient to be outside in summer and to achieve a balanced diet. Thus, the body has enough vitamin D also in winter. This is explained by the German Dermatological Society and the Federal Office for Radiation Protection in a common press release. Therefore, there is no need to go to the solarium in order to avoid a vitamin D lack.



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The UV radiation in solariums could be as high as at the equator at noon during the hot season. Using tanning beds regularly could have long-term consequences like skin cancer which becomes apparent many years later. In the last three centuries the number of skin cancer induced by excessive UV radiation has trebled, warn the experts. A care-dependent lack of vitamin D needs to be examined by a physician. During each stay in the sun you should protect your skin sufficiently. (Source: dpa)

**See more at:**

<http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/solariumbesuch-gegen-vitamin-d-mangel-nicht-noetig.html>



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