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Training of European dermatologists has started

The EU-Study called EPIDERM has confirmed that the number of cases of Non Melanoma Skin Cancer in Europe is about 30 percent higher than previously thought. The data show that it is necessary to urgently develop prevention programs and risk reduction strategies.



Therefore, the European Skin Cancer Foundation (ESCF) has now started to train dermatologists from several European countries as well as from Brazil and Canada.

Until December 10, 2011 each weekend experts from the Skin Cancer Centre Charité (SCCC) inform their European colleagues about news on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer. Known as the "snowball system" these physicians will train other physicians in their own country on the subject of Non Melanoma Skin cancer.

See more at:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/training-of-european-dermatologists-has-started.html}$



New Exhibition is now completed

What has started in September with some pictures has now been completed. Within the preluding event of the training of European dermatologists the new exhibition "Skinscape" in the Skin Cancer Centre Charité (SCCC) was officially opened.



Vernissage of "SkinScape"

The physicist and media artist Dr. Jürgen Skriba explores the macro- and micro-world of the human skin by using the art means of the landscape photography. He worked for several weeks on this project, which is supported by the Europan Skin Cancer Foundation. Unique is, that patients and staff of the SCCC modeled for this unusual expedition.

Extremely close portraits make the pores of the skin and even the finest hairs visible. Unusual perspectives show different skin types and pathological changes. After one year in Berlin the whole exhibition of twenty of large-format pictures will travel to other European Dermatology Clinics.

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International Journalism Award has entered the next round

The starting signal for the 2nd International Journalism Award has been given. From now on, journalists, freelance writers or editorial teams dealing with the topic "Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Skin Cancer" are able to apply in the categories Print or TV.



The contribution must be in German or English, be published between 01.08. 2011 and 31.07.2012 and not been awarded before. The award is endowed with 5,000 Euro for each media category. All articles or films will be evaluated by an expert jury.

The award ceremony is on 13 September 2012 at the European "Non Melanoma Skin Cancer Day" in Berlin.



See more at:

http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/projects/journalism-award.html

Skin Cancer Screening now without age restrictions

Since July 2008, the screening in Germany is free of charge for all people over 35 years with a statutory health insurance. Some insurances (e.g. Barmer GEK, Knappschaft) removed the age restriction and offer the free examination of the skin for all patients.



Screening under the toe

Dermatologists and specialized general practioners search for signs of skin cancer at the whole body. This examination is uncomplicated and painless. About 13 million people went to the screening over the last two years in Germany.



Skin cancer is the most common cancer disease worldwide. Therefore, the early detection is one of the most important tasks for dermatologists. The screening will improve predictions, will avoid many complicated operations and will reduce the costs of the health care system. But the most important thing: a lot of lives can be saved.

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