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## Free skin-cancer test set for June 16

A free skin-cancer screening will be offered to BUMC staffers and members of the community on Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic is sponsored and supported by the American Cancer Society, the American Academy of Dermatology, and by the clinical and teaching components of BUMC's Skin Oncology Program and the Hospital's Department of Dermatology. The screening will be held in the Doctors Office Building, Suite 402. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 638-7629 (x7629).

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, with 500,000 cases occurring annually in the United States. However, skin cancer can be prevented by minimizing sun exposure and early detection can lead to a cure, experts agree.

Because the screening is limited to 500 people, those who attend the clinic must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be sensitive to sun exposure;
- have more than 40 moles or large moles;
- have moles or growths that recently have changed shape, color or have begun to bleed;
- have a previous history of skin cancer, or
- have a first-degree blood relative with melanoma.



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