2019 Skin Cancer Screening Events



Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer. If you have it, knowing the type is important, as it affects your treatment options and outlook (prognosis). If you aren't sure which type of skin cancer you have, talk to your doctor for more information. Early detection and treatment can help to make skin cancer survivable.

Understanding risk factors and recognizing the signs of skin cancer can be empowering and even save lives. Dignity Health Cancer Institute of Greater Sacramento partnered with Dignity Health Medical Foundation and local Dignity Health hospitals to offer free skin cancer screenings.

At our informational community events, dermatologists shared tips on how to navigate to a specialist when you have concerns; showed examples of what skin cancer looks like; and discussed the importance of risk reduction and early detection—and the variety of available treatment options.

Sacramento Recap

Of the 27 who attended:

- 20 chose to be screened
- Out of the 20 screened, there were no positive findings
- 100% of attendees filled out surveys for input
- 100% of survey respondents thought the event was effective and met their objectives
- 95% of survey respondents said they would make lifestyle changes based on the information they heard

If there had been any positive findings, our presenting dermatologist would have followed up with that person and would have facilitated any referrals that resulted from the follow up exam.

O Sacramento: positive findings

Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital/ Grass Valley Recap

- 94 attendees chose to be screened
- 29 attendees were recommended for biopsy
- 57% of attendees filled out surveys for input
- 91% of survey respondents thought the event was effective and met their objectives
- 57% of survey respondents said they would make lifestyle changes based on the information they heard

Woodland Recap

Of the 33 who attended:

- 19 chose to be screened
- Out of the 19 screened, there was only one positive finding. This individual will see the presenting dermatologist for follow-up, and any referrals needed as a result of the exam will be facilitated.
- 67% of attendees filled out surveys for input
- 95% of survey respondents thought the event was effective and met their objectives
- 54% of survey respondents said they would make lifestyle changes based on the information they heard

29 Sierra Nevada: biopsies recommended

Woodland: positive finding

