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Can you prevent skin cancer?

"Get check ups, wear sunscreen."

Australian actor Hugh Jackman issues skin cancer prevention warning

After removal of slow-growing basal cell carcinoma from his nose earlier this month, the *X-Men* star was featured in the news talking about skin cancer prevention.



Basal Cell Carcinoma
Source:SkinCancer.org

Dr. Lichten commends Jackman for his forthrightness and cautionary advice, saying, "He is correct. Check ups with your dermatologist are crucial. My patients already know how I feel about sunscreen: It's for everyone, every day."

The National Skin Cancer Foundation reports that 1 in 5 people will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. Fortunately, with regular check ups and proper use of sunscreen, skin cancer is highly preventable.

In honor of Skin Cancer Awareness Month, we created this Jackman-inspired skin cancer prevention quiz so you'll know how to prevent melanoma and other types of skin cancer.

SKIN CANCER PREVENTION QUIZ: TRUE OR NOT?

1. Burning isn't bad as long as your skin turns from pink to tan.

NOT. Burning is never healthy for skin. Neither is tanning or UV tanning booths.

2. You should do a monthly skin self-exam.

TRUE. Just like a breast self-exam, it's important to check yourself head-to-toe every month.

3. Avoid the sun from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

TRUE. Seek the shade anytime but especially during those hours.

4. Wear a sunscreen every day.

TRUE. Of course, it's true. More importantly, choose your sunscreen wisely. Look for broad spectrum UVA/UVB protection with an SPF of >15 for everyday; broad spectrum, water-resistant >30 SPF when swimming, running or being outdoors for extended periods of time. Reapply every 1-1/2 to 2 hours, as well as after water activities, rubbing with a towel or sweating. It simply is not enough to apply sunscreen in the morning and forget about it the rest of the day. Reapply, reapply, reapply.

5. Hats and sunglasses are fashionable, but not required.

NOT. Always cover up in the sun. Best choices? UV-blocking sun shades and wide-brimmed hats. Special sun protective clothing is a good idea, too.

6. Freckles are not a sign of sun damage.

NOT. Actually, freckles can be a sign of sun damage if they look different from other freckles or have one or more of [The ABCDEs of Melanoma](#): A - Asymmetry or unmatched halves; B - Border or edge that's uneven, scalloped or notched; C - Color variety from brown to black to blue and more; D - Diameter that is large than a pencil eraser; E - Evolving or changing in shape, color or size.

How did you do? No matter what your score, start protecting yourself from sun damage right now.

If you, like Jackman, have had a skin lesion excision and would like to learn more about [reconstructive surgery after skin cancer](#), please [request a consultation](#) or call us at 740-653-5064 in Lancaster or 614-862-8008 in Columbus.

Dr. Lichten also recommends ...

- *A yearly mole check from your dermatologist*
- *Daily use of sunscreen, even on cloudy days and when driving*
- *Learning more about skin cancer, including types, prevention tips and more at [SkinCancer.org](#).*



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Dr. Lichten recommends scheduling your [plastic surgery procedure](#) during your downtime. Set your next goal race, then schedule an appointment to discuss the type and timing of your procedure(s).

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