

SSDP offers skin cancer screenings for the community in May

(NO. EASTON, MA) – If longer days and warmer weather make you think about spring, then it's time to book your appointment for a FREE Skin Cancer Screening. The dermatologists at South Shore Dermatology Physicians will once again provide free Skin Cancer Screenings for the public as part of the American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) National Skin Cancer Screening Program. The screenings will take place at the Good Samaritan Medical Center's (GSMC) Moakley Outpatient Department on Thursday, May 12, from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. This yearly public service event connects the community with SSDP's Board certified dermatologists in a vital, sometimes life-saving, way. In 2010, Drs. Leera M. Briceno, Anu G. Jayaraman, Katalin Kovalszki, Jay M. Ritt, and Viraj Shroff-Mehta examined 54 people at the GSMC Skin Cancer Screening and detected eight possible skin cancers, including one malignant melanoma, one squamous cell carcinoma, six basal cell carcinomas, and 23 other skin conditions. Approximately one quarter of the participants were advised to see a physician for a follow-up visit and 11 were advised to undergo a skin biopsy. Since 1985, AAD members across the country have conducted skin cancer screenings and detected more than 200,000 suspicious lesions - including more than 23,500 suspected melanomas. Space is limited so pre-registration for this event is required. Call the GSMC Radiation Oncology Center at 508-427-2900 to book your appointment today.