

# Preventing Skin Cancer through UV Exposure Reduction

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We have the opportunity to help the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in preventing skin cancer through the reduction of UV exposure!

The information obtained will be used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in assisting the Office of the Surgeon General with an anticipated response to the public health issue of skin cancer, including deadly melanoma.

Input from dermatology professionals, like ourselves, will be vital to identify opportunities and actions that can be taken by all levels of government, civic organizations, health care providers, educational institutions, worksites, industry, service providers, individuals and others to reduce exposure to UV radiation throughout the US by raising awareness of proper sun protection practices, providing or allowing for use of shade structures, clothing, and sunscreens where appropriate, and changing social norms regarding tanning and having tanned skin.

You can [read the full announcement in the Federal Register here](#).

The CDC is interested in receiving information on the following two topics:

1. Barriers to reducing UV exposure from the sun and from indoor tanning devices and;
2. Evidence-based strategies to reduce UV exposure in the population by increasing the use of sun protection and reducing tanning behaviors.

As dermatology professionals, we live this every day with our patients. This is a great chance to expand the reach of our expertise beyond the office.

You can easily [submit comments electronically here](#).