



*November is National
Healthy Skin Month*

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American Academy of Dermatology

- The American Academy of Dermatology (Academy) was established in 1938 and is headquartered in Schaumburg, Ill.
- The Academy is the largest, most influential and most representative of all dermatologic associations.
- With a membership of more than 16,000 physicians worldwide, the Academy is committed to:
 - Advancing the diagnosis and medical, surgical and cosmetic treatment of the skin, hair and nails;
 - Advocating high standards in clinical practice, education and research in dermatology; and
 - Supporting and enhancing patient care for a lifetime of healthier skin, hair and nails.
- The first priority of the Academy is delivering exceptional continuing medical education (CME) for dermatologists. To this end, the Academy provides a broad range of educational opportunities on a national and regional level that are designed to advance the dermatologist's proficiency in diagnosing and managing diseases of the skin. These include the Annual Meeting, Web-based CME programs, the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* and *Dermatology World*.
- A sister organization to the Academy, the American Academy of Dermatology Association is the resource for government affairs, health policy and practice information for dermatologists, and plays a major role in formulating policies that can enhance the quality of dermatologic care.
- The Academy is committed to public service:
 - Since 1985, dermatologists have volunteered to conduct more than 1.9 million screenings and detected more than 188,000 suspicious lesions, including more than 21,500 suspected melanomas.
 - Since 1993, the Academy has sponsored about 3,000 young people to spend a week at a summer camp with other campers who have similar skin conditions.
 - Since 2002, the Academy has awarded a total of 174 shade structure grants to organizations across the country. Taken together, these shade structures provide shade each day for more than 125,314 individuals.