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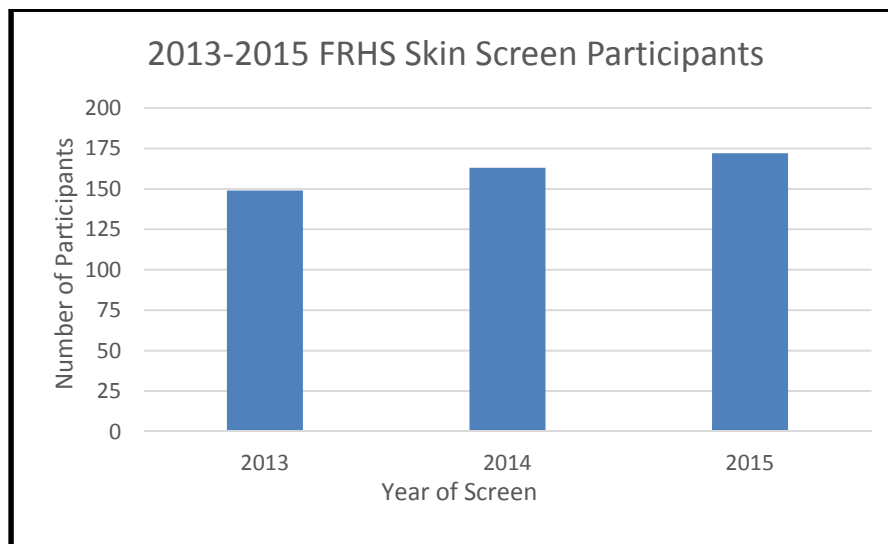
Skin Cancer Screening and Prevention

Malignant Melanoma Evaluation and Treatment

Skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States. In 2015 it is estimated that 73,870 people will be diagnosed with malignant melanoma. It is also estimated that 9,940 people will die of melanoma in 2015. One person dies of malignant melanoma every 57 minutes (*American Cancer Facts & Figures 2015*).

The Cancer Program at Faith Regional Health Services (FRHS) is committed to lowering the incidence of malignant melanoma through prevention including education on signs, symptoms and risk factors of melanoma. The program is also committed to diagnosing patients at an early stage through screenings and early detection. To help achieve this, FRHS has offered an annual skin screening and prevention event that began in 2013. At the screening and prevention events, participants receive pamphlets from the American Cancer Society on sun safety and information on malignant melanoma. The participants also watch a video about sun safety, risk factors and symptoms of melanoma and skin cancer prevention.

The participation of the skin screening and prevention event has steadily increased from 149 in 2013 to 172 in 2015. To date, a total of 484 individuals have participated in the screenings. 192 of the individuals were recommended to seek further follow up with a dermatologist or surgeon to have the questionable lesion(s) evaluated. As a result of the screenings in 2013-2014, based on reported results from patients, three individuals were diagnosed with malignant melanoma and twelve were diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma. The results of the 2015 screen are not available at this time.



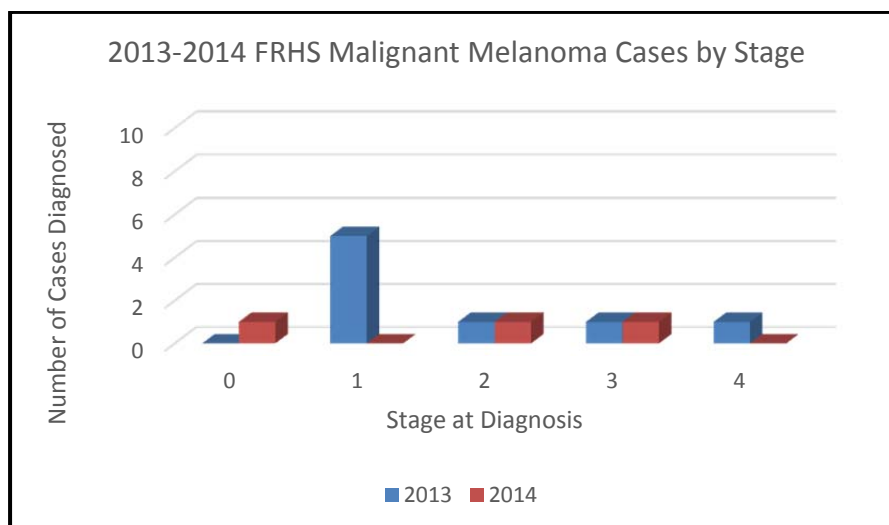
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The Carson Cancer Center also purchased a Skin Scope which has been utilized at various community health fairs and events. While the Skin Scope does not diagnose skin cancer, it does allow individuals to see the effect of sun exposure on their facial skin and help understand the effect of sun exposure to all of their skin.

The Cancer Program also monitors the quality of patient care provided to patients with a diagnosis of cancer. Part of this monitoring includes performing quality studies to ensure patients had diagnostic evaluations and treatment in compliance with evidence-based guidelines in accordance with their stage at diagnosis.

The diagnostic evaluation and treatment of eleven malignant melanoma cancer patients entered into the Cancer Registry from January 1, 2013-December 31, 2014 were reviewed. Of the eleven cases reviewed, eleven had the appropriate documented diagnostic evaluation and treatment for their stage according to National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Guidelines. The diagnostic evaluation and treatment varies depending on the stage at which the malignant melanoma is diagnosed. The stage of the eleven cases reviewed is shown in the graph below. The goal is to diagnose patients at the earliest stage to achieve the best outcomes. The importance of education, prevention and early detection continues to be a priority for our Cancer Program. Patients who come to FRHS for malignant melanoma diagnostic evaluation and/or treatment can be assured that they will receive care that is consistent with nationally recognized standards.



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For further information regarding malignant melanoma from ACS Facts & Figures 2015 see:
<http://www.cancer.org/acs/groups/content/@editorial/documents/document/acspc-044552.pdf>