



**Skin Cancer Work Group**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2016 3:00 pm**  
10825 Financial Centre Pkwy, Suite 230, Little Rock, AR 72211

Attendance (8):

Dr. Appathurai Balamurugan, Kirsty DeHan, Ashley Ederle, Dr. Elfaramawi, Myca Grant, Abby Holt, Michael Keck, Sandy Prince.

Notes

- The skin cancer work group last met at the Arkansas Cancer Summit, March 29, to strategize for the next year.
- Abby Holt has agreed to be co-chair as Dr. Bala may not be able to attend all meetings due to work load.
- Ashley Ederle is a first year medical student at UAMS and would like to work in the dermatology field. Ashley is a College of Medicine representative for global health. She is designing a project on sun protection among migrant workers.
- The Arkansas Academy of Dermatology has started work on legislation for indoor tanning in NW AR. Dr. Klifton is heading this, along with Senator Cecile Bledsoe. A draft bill is ready but wording needs to be improved.
- Michael Keck is going to meet with Dr. Klifton and Senator Bledsoe to work on the bill. The idea is to prohibit anyone under the age of 18 to use indoor tanning, even with parental consent. It would be better to work together rather than create something new.
- Kansas just passed a law to ban use of indoor tanning for minors. A big help for passing this law was the testimony. Mississippi failed to pass the law because of parental rights.
- ACC is conducting surveys to collect data on sun safety at Riverfest and Magic Springs, and will ask a question about restricting indoor tanning for minors.
- Dr. Bala suggested the work group create a position statement for the bill

Action Items

- Dr. Bala asked Sandy to contact the wrestler from Carrol County and to invite him to our next meeting while Michael Keck works on the bill.
- ADH issues licenses for cosmetology businesses. Abby will look into contacts.
- Dr. Bala has a dermatologist contact Sandra Johnson he will reach out to.

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**Next Meeting: TBD August, 2016.  
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