

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

*Melanoma Study*

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	COOKING. THAT'S HOW TERRI HEYMEN DESCRIBES THE MANY DAYS SHE SPENT AT THE BEACH.
<b>Terri Heymen, Patient</b>	"WE DIDN'T HAVE SUNSCREEN. WE'D BAKE WITH OIL."
	WHAT TERRI DIDN'T REALIZE IS THAT SHE WAS ALSO LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR MELANOMA, AN OFTEN DEADLY SKIN CANCER. CAUGHT EARLY ENOUGH, THE BEST TREATMENT IS TO SURGICALLY REMOVE IT. BUT JUST HOW MUCH TISSUE NEEDS TO BE REMOVED CAN BE A TOUGH QUESTION TO ANSWER.

<b>Dr. Ali Hendi, M.D.</b>	“IN MELANOMA YOU HAVE AN INCREASED NUMBER OF PIGMENT CELLS OR MELANOCYTES. IN SUN-DAMAGED SKIN YOU HAVE INCREASED MELANOCYTES. THE QUANDRY UP TO NOW HAS BEEN WHEN DOES ONE STOP AND ONE START?”
	MAYO CLINIC DR. ALI HENDI IS PART OF A RESEARCH TEAM ABLE TO DEFINE THAT POINT. SOMETHING HE EXPECTS WILL SAVE MANY PATIENTS FROM UNNECESSARY SURGERY. TERRI SURVIVED HER BOUT WITH A POTENTIAL KILLER AND NOW...
<b>Terri</b>	“I DON’T GO OUTSIDE WITHOUT SUNSCREEN... HEAD TO TOE.”
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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