



DESTINATION HEALTHY SKIN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is *Destination Healthy Skin*?

Destination Healthy Skin is The Skin Cancer Foundation's mobile skin cancer screening and education program. Our 38-foot RV is equipped with two private exam rooms where volunteer dermatologists perform free screenings. In our waiting area, program managers answer questions and distribute skin cancer [early detection](#) and [prevention](#) information.

How much does it cost?

Destination Healthy Skin is a public service program. No health insurance is necessary, and screenings are free of charge. Furthermore, you will receive free skin cancer educational materials and sun protection products.

Do I have to make an appointment in advance?

We do not take appointments; skin cancer screenings are performed on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to dermatologist availability. We recommend arriving early if possible.

What should I expect during my skin exam?

Skin cancer screenings take place in our *Destination Healthy Skin* RV, which is equipped with two private exam rooms. You'll be given a brief form to fill out while you wait for your turn. Then you'll be shown into an exam room and provided with a gown. When you're ready, the dermatologist will come into the room and examine your skin from head-to-toe. The doctor will note the findings on your form and make recommendations for next steps. The exam itself takes approximately ten minutes.

Does the program have COVID-19 safety precautions?

To help reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread, masks are required at all times for people who are inside the RV. Participants who do not have a mask will be provided with one. Hand sanitizer is available and social distancing is encouraged. Exam rooms are disinfected between exams, and high touch surfaces inside the RV are sanitized routinely.

The dermatologist recommended I get a biopsy. Now what should I do?

If a biopsy is recommended, you can ask the dermatologist if they are accepting new patients and can take your insurance. If you need to find another dermatologist, use the following resources to find one near you:

The Skin Cancer Foundation: [SkinCancer.org/physician-finder](https://www.skincancer.org/physician-finder)

The American Academy of Dermatology: [Find-a-derm.aad.org](https://www.aad.org/find-a-derm)

For help finding affordable or no-cost treatment, check our [Treatment Assistance](#) resources. Learn more about the biopsy process: [You Need a Biopsy: Now What Happens?](#)

When are you coming to my city?

We wish we could come to every city that will have us each year! We do the best we can with the resources we have. Locations are carefully selected based on driving times, weather patterns and volunteer interest. If we are not stopping in your location this year, we may be coming next year.

Why can't the RV be on the road year-round?

Driving, fueling, maintaining and staffing our RV with program managers gets quite expensive. Even with the support of individuals and corporate partners, we would need to raise four times the funds to keep *Destination Healthy Skin* on the road all year. You can help by [making a donation](#).

Is the RV wheelchair accessible?

Unfortunately, the *Destination Healthy Skin* RV is not equipped with a wheelchair ramp or lift to access the exam rooms for a skin cancer screening. If you'd like to speak to a dermatologist about your skin, you can do so outside the RV, and get free sun protection samples and skin cancer educational materials while you are there.

I love this program and want to support it.

Thank you! This lifesaving journey would not be possible without the support of wonderful donors like you. If you'd like to keep *Destination Healthy Skin* on the road in 2021 and beyond, here's how you can help:

- [Make a Donation](#) to support the program financially
- [Create a Fundraiser](#) to make a bigger impact and encourage people to donate.
- Share on social media using our [toolkit](#) to spread the word about *Destination Healthy Skin*

I am a dermatologist and want to volunteer, what should I do?

People around the country are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our RV, but we still need volunteers. [Fill out the volunteer interest form](#) or email Ali Venosa at avenosa@skincancer.org.

I am a physician's assistant. Can I volunteer to help?

According to the AAD's screening guidelines, dermatology residents and PAs may perform screenings only under the onsite supervision of a fully licensed dermatologist.

Where can I find more information about *Destination Healthy Skin*?

Learn more about *Destination Healthy Skin* [on our website](#).

Check our blog for [stories about past events](#).

Can I share information about *Destination Healthy Skin* on social media?

Yes! You can share images and content from our [social media toolkit](#), website and social media platforms. Since our information is copyrighted, please follow these guidelines when sharing:

- Do not modify images, graphics or content in any way. Do not add your logo or watermark.
- Remember to cite The Skin Cancer Foundation as the source.
- If you are posting on social media, tag us @SkinCancerOrg on Twitter and Instagram and @SkinCancerFoundation on Facebook and LinkedIn.