

AHNS Cancer Prevention Service 2023 Community Service Award Winners

1. Our 2023 return to in-person oral head and neck cancer screening at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine was a great success. Through the generous support of the American Head and Neck Society and their continuous sponsorship of community screening events, we were able to return to one of our previous sites, Camillus House Humanitarian Services, and established a new side at the IDEA Needle Exchange clinic. In total, we were able to screen 51 patients for head and neck cancer and connect 17 individuals into the Jackson Health System for ENT related complaints. Patients were excited to see our providers in the community and many told us this was some of the only health related screenings they had received.



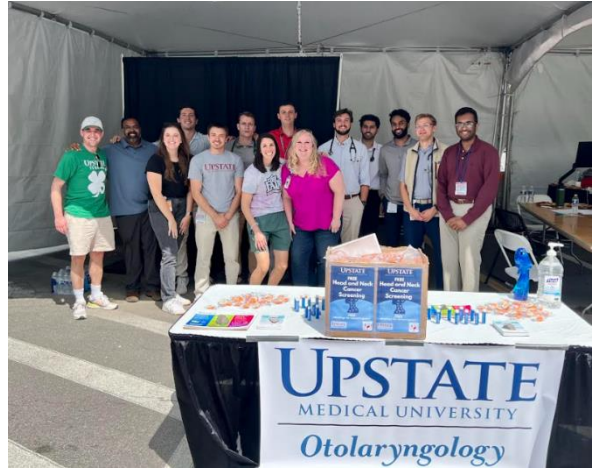
Our novel sunscreen initiative was a great success and featured custom fold-out labels attached containing 1) the basic parameters of a skin check, 2) warning signs to look for in moles using the ABCDE criteria, 3) a link and phone number to sign up for a “Jackson Card,” which provides free to low cost healthcare to low income and uninsured individuals, and 4) a QR code to access our videos created last year focusing on various head and neck cancers. With the support of the American Head and Neck Society, we were able to provide the necessary equipment for the screenings including new headlights, travel sized sunscreen, and disposable supplies for examination. Thank you again to AHNS for your continuous support of Oral Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

--Jake Langlie, University of Miami

2. SUNY Upstate's Department of Otolaryngology used the AHNS Community Service Award to kickstart our pilot New York State Fair Head and Neck Cancer Screening. We were able to get the



Upstate Foundation's Cancer Fund to join in supporting this project allowing for it to expand in size and scope. On August 27th, the department sponsored a large tent at the New York State



Fair. Medical students, residents, attending physicians, and public health professionals attended to support the project that ran from 9 AM to 9 PM. We handed out educational materials on HPV vaccination and head and neck cancer. We gave fairgoers chapstick with SPF and ear plugs with an attached QR code to ENThealth.org. Over 1,000 ear plugs were passed out and over 500 chapsticks were passed out. We conducted full head and neck cancer screenings to those interested throughout the day. Over 110 fairgoers were screened for head and neck cancer and 19 individuals were identified who required further follow up. The Community Service Award from the AHNS supported us by providing funding for the tent, the ear plugs, and screening materials like gloves and tongue depressors. The department was energized by the event and looks forward to making it an annual program that we grow each year. Attached are photos from the screening event and a link to the Upstate Online Newsletter about our efforts.



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