

## Research Study

### The Impact of UV Photographs on Adolescents' Sun Protection Attitudes and Behaviors

An innovative research study has been initiated by The Melanoma Prevention Foundation for Children and Boston University, in conjunction with the Quincy, MA Public School system, to evaluate the impact of a novel teaching tool on sun protection practices and attitudes of adolescents. *“The Impact of UV Photographs on an Adolescents' Sun Protection Attitudes and Behaviors”* was initiated this spring in two middle schools in Quincy, MA. The study will determine if special photographs that highlight sun damage, when shown to the affected children, can motivate students to protect their face from overexposure to the sun. The study was initiated in April and data collection will continue until the fall of 2006. The study was developed by Maryellen Maguire-Eisen RN, MSN in collaboration with Dr. Marie-France Demierre M.D. at Boston University. This study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Boston University and the Quincy Public Schools. Parental consent and Child assent was obtained prior to initiating the study.

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