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Dermatology center implements quick-access program
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In the United States, one American dies every 68 minutes from a cancerous form of skin cancer called melanoma, according to the American Academy of Dermatology Web site.

Dr. Shawn Sabin, a surgeon from the Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center, said skin-related diseases are a serious problem.

"Skin cancer is a deadly disease," she said. "There needs to be more of an awareness of it. We have a lot more of the population that has been out in the sun doing activities and in tanning beds. It's important for health reasons."

Sabin graduated from the University of Iowa College of Medicine and completed an internship at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center has been located in Lee's Summit since 2006. Sabin said Lee's Summit is a great location.

"There's a great need in the community," she said. "There's definitely a need for more dermatology centers in this area. With the community growing and so many things happening in Lee's Summit, we thought it would be a great place to be."

The Lee's Summit office serves 500 to 600 patients.

The dermatology center started the DermAccess program, which allows patients with suspicious marks to be treated within 72 hours.

Bob Johnson, former Missouri state representative for the 47th District and Lee's Summit councilman, was one of those patients. In January 2006, a small spot the size of a pencil point appeared on the back of his leg.

Johnson didn't pay attention to it until it got larger. He visited the doctor and was diagnosed with melanoma. He visited the dermatology center and received treatment in four days through the DermAccess Program.

"The speed in which they reacted was great," Johnson said. "They were concerned with my health. With skin cancer, time can kill. They worked around my schedule and my concerns, and not according to their time and vacation schedules."

“You need to watch your skin for anything abnormal, the mark was definitely dark and it was new, and it didn’t match any other marking on my skin,” Johnson said. “In six weeks, it changed and I knew something was wrong.”

The Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center was created in 1987 by Dr. Glenn D. Goldstein. Goldstein has helped patients in Kansas City for 19 years.

There are currently three locations in the Kansas City metro area, including Leawood, Kan., Belton and Lee’s Summit.

The price of a dermatologist varies depending on health care. Sabin said the price ranges \$45 to \$100.

Other doctors at the clinic are Dr. Mark Fleischman, Dr. James San Filippo and assistants Chris Lavers and Andy Dean.