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## Free Skin Cancer Screening for Employees

Did you know that skin cancer affects more than 1 million people every year, including men and women of all ages and skin colors? The National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases are offering free skin cancer screenings to all NIH employees. People of color are encouraged to participate. The screenings are part of a research study to test photography as a way to diagnose skin disease.

The 15-minute screening will take place on Thursday, June 22, Friday, June 23, and Monday, June 26 at the Clinical Center. During the screening, staff will ask to take pictures of your arms, legs and back. It will not be possible to identify you in any photograph. Photographs and all other study-related information will remain confidential. To make an appointment, call the Clinical Studies Support Center at 1-888-NCI-1937.

## Workshop To Take PULSE of CPR Research

For more than one-quarter million Americans each year, rapid administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is critical to surviving sudden death. What does the latest research tell us about what happens during these episodes? What are the best life-saving practices, and how can research help us improve these efforts?

Taking a multidisciplinary approach to explore these issues, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute is coordinating the PULSE (Post-Resuscitation and Initial Utility in Life Saving Efforts) Workshop, June 29 and 30 at the Lansdowne Conference Center in Leesburg, Va. Applied and basic scientists, including clinicians and bioengineers, are invited to attend.

"The mechanisms involved in sudden death are quite complex and varied," said Dr. George Sopko of NHLBI's Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases. "This is an opportunity for researchers and clinicians from a variety of scientific disciplines to share their knowledge and ideas for future research."

Participants will discuss CPR-related research concerns across the spectrum of adult, pediatric and trauma issues through discussion groups on: acute myocardial rescue; neurologic preservation; pharmacology and molecular mechanisms; pulmonary and ventilatory failure; mechanics of CPR; bioengineering; and epidemiology.

For more information or to register for the workshop, visit <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/meetings/pulse/index.htm>. Or contact Carole Webb at [webbca@nhlbi.nih.gov](mailto:webbca@nhlbi.nih.gov) or 435-0515.

## Reminder on First Nealon Lecture

Don't miss Robert Krulwich, ABC News special correspondent, at noon on Friday, June 16 in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10. His commentary promises to be smart, funny, illuminating and entertaining. Explore the web site at <http://dccps.nci.nih.gov/excl/> to learn more about the Eleanor Nealon Extraordinary Communicators Lectures and NCI's inaugural awardee.

## NIH BIG Crab Feast Event, July 8

On Saturday, July 8, the NIH chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG) will sponsor its first Annual Crab Feast event from 2 to 6 p.m. at LaFontaine Bleu, 7963 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Md. All NIH employees are invited to participate. All the crabs you can eat and a full buffet will be offered. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more information, call Sonia Clemons, 435-3835.

## Director's Awards Ceremony, June 22

All employees are invited to join NIH acting director Dr. Ruth Kirschstein at the 2000 NIH Director's Award Ceremony. This year's event will honor NIH Director's Award and NIH Director's Award for Mentoring recipients as well as Commissioned Corps Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Outstanding Service Medal recipients. The ceremony is being held on Thursday, June 22 in the Natcher Bldg. auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

## CIVIL Helps Manage Threat of Workplace Violence

NIH is committed to providing a work environment free from violence, threats of violence, harassment, intimidation and other disruptive behavior. NIH is fortunate to have had relatively few reported violence problems. However, no workplace is immune.

The NIH director recently established CIVIL, a resource to help the NIH community prevent and respond to workplace threats and violence. CIVIL is a group of experts that addresses workplace violence through policy development, identification of educational tools, and assessment and resolution of violent, or potentially violent, incidents. A major component of CIVIL is the response team, which: advises ICs regarding intimidating, harassing, disruptive or dangerous workplace behavior; investigates threats; intervenes in crisis situations; identifies resources to provide employee counseling in the aftermath of violence; and provides a coordinated response from staff including the NIH ombudsman, Employee Assistance Program consultants, employee relations specialists and the NIH Police.

When there is immediate danger, always call the police first (dial 911 if on campus, 9-911, if off-campus). Call CIVIL when: you need help assessing the potential seriousness of a threatening situation; you are experiencing a threatening situation at work and need intervention from trained staff; you become aware of a workplace situation involving intimidating, harassing, or other unproductive/dangerous behaviors and need consultation; you need help in addressing your own aggressive reactions to a workplace situation; or a situation involving threats or aggressive acts already has

occurred and you need assistance managing the aftermath.

Call C-I-V-I-L (2-4845) if on-campus, and 9-301-402-4845 if off-campus. For more information, visit the CIVIL web site at <http://civil.nih.gov/>.

## Wednesday Afternoon Lectures

The Wednesday Afternoon Lecture series — held on its namesake day at 3 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10 — features Dr. Alan R. Fersht on June 21, discussing, "Stability and Activity of the Tumor Suppressor p53." He is director, Cambridge Centre for Protein Engineering, and Herschel Smith professor of organic chemistry, Cambridge University.

On June 28, Dr. Albert Z. Kapikian, head of the epidemiology section in NIAID's Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, will give an NIH Director's Lecture on "Etiology, Epidemiology and Prevention of Viral Gastroenteritis." This talk concludes the WAL series until next September.

For more information or for reasonable accommodation, call Hilda Madine, 594-5595.

## Session on Yoga Meditation Offered

The founder of Sahaja Yoga — Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, a 77-year-old female native of India — will speak on "Meditation and Health" on Monday, June 19 in Masur Auditorium, Bldg. 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free lecture, sponsored by the recreation therapy section of the rehabilitation medicine department.

Sahaja Yoga meditation focuses on raising kundalini (energy) to enhance health and is being practiced at the Clinical Center for staff at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays in the medical board room. Patients at the CC can receive instruction in this simple technique on Wednesday evenings. All Sahaja Yoga instruction and practice is free.

## CIT Staffers Attend NSBE Meeting



Hoping to attract the "best and brightest" from a diverse cross-section of engineering disciplines and to recruit qualified technical talent to the federal sector, a group of CIT staff members attended the 26th annual National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) meeting in Charlotte, N.C., recently. The theme, "NSBE 2000: Reflect, Rejuvenate, and Rise," set the tone for the career fair and convention. Representing CIT were (from l) *Gloria Richardson*, manager, Office of Diversity and Employee Concerns; *Yvonne Brooks*, head, switch services

section; and *Paul Hill*, chief, Operations Branch. CIT was one of more than 325 participants, including private companies, government agencies, nonprofit organizations and universities supporting the NSBE convention and career fair.

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