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MERKEL CELL CARCINOMA - DEADLIER THAN MELANOMA

You may have heard about the three most common types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. A lesser-known form of skin cancer called Merkel cell carcinoma has been steadily increasing in number over the last few decades. Since the 1990s, the number of diagnosed cases has increased by 5% to 10% per year.

Exposure to ultraviolet light is the most common cause of Merkel cell carcinoma. However, recent advancements have identified a type of virus in the skin sample of many patients.

Merkel cell carcinoma is more deadly than melanoma with approximately 1/3 of all diagnosed patients dying from the disease. It most often occurs in the elderly or those with a weakened immune system and it appears as a rapidly growing nonpainful red nodule that can quickly metastasize. The most common location is on the head or neck but it can occur anywhere on the skin.



A skin biopsy can confirm the diagnosis and your physician may order additional tests to ensure that the cancer has not metastasized. Treatment can involve a combination of surgical, radiation, and chemotherapy treatments. In the last few years, the FDA has approved new immunotherapy medications to treat Merkel cell carcinoma and there are many ongoing clinical trials to identify future treatments.

A proper full-body skin examination by a board-certified dermatologist can lead to an earlier diagnosis which has been shown to improve survival.

Please send your dermatology or skincare questions to timeforyourskin@galtdermatology.com for more in-depth discussions on future columns.

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Friends of the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale upcoming events

HIDDEN CHILDREN OF THE RAIN FOREST February 12, 2020 at 10:00

Friends of the NSU Art Museum presents a free lecture on February 12, 2020 at 10:00 at the Museum.

Renowned Venezuelan artist, Fernando Porras, chronicles the life and spirit of the South American Rain Forest and its indigenous tribes through his sketches and extraordinary oil paintings.

Having participated in the lives and activities of these people, his work symbolically reflects that experience.

Optional Latin American themed lunch follows - \$20
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FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON - FANTASY IN THE GARDEN March 3, 2020 at 11:30 AM

Friends of the NSU Art Museum presents its Annual Spring Luncheon - Fantasy in the Garden - to be held at the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club ,

20 S. Andrews Avenue, on March 3, 2020 at 11:30 AM . Open to the public, all proceeds go to support "Museum on the Move" providing free field trips for public school students to visit the Museum and its treasures. Open to the public , a prosecco reception, catered lunch, music, cruise raffle and silent auction including amazing art prints for bid, will make this a memorable event.

Tickets - \$100

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BOOK REVIEW - 'STOLEN BEAUTY' March 31, 2020, 10:30 AM

Friends of the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale presents a special book review by Donna DeLeo Bruno on March 31, 2020, 10:30 AM at the Museum. The book, "Stolen Beauty", by Laurie Albanese captures the history behind Gustav Klimt's masterpiece, "Woman in Gold".

Reading the book is recommended, but not required. The book discussion will nicely complement our April 22, 2020 free lecture on Gustav Klimt and the Avant-garde movement given by Armando Droulers, art historian.

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