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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to share with you a reprint of “Melanoma surveillance in the United States.” The 15-article supplement to the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* provides a detailed analysis of annual cancer incidence data from 1999 to 2006. Noteworthy analyses include articles on the racial and ethnic variations in melanoma incidence and survival, the economic burden of melanoma mortality, melanoma among adolescents and young adults, and more. Two articles examine the relationship between melanoma incidence and county-level factors including ultraviolet radiation and socioeconomic status. The report also includes information from behavioral surveillance surveys regarding factors related to sun protection in the US and a study of knowledge and awareness of cancer registry reporting requirements among dermatologists.

Co-authors include collaborators from state cancer registries, universities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Cancer Institute, and the American Cancer Society—bringing an enriching, broad perspective to the presentation and interpretation of the data.

We are grateful to CDC’s Division of Cancer Prevention and Control and to all those who participated in planning the analyses, writing the articles, and serving as peer-reviewers.

The supplement can be accessed at [http://www.eblue.org/issues?issue\\_key=S0190-9622%2811%29X0013-0](http://www.eblue.org/issues?issue_key=S0190-9622%2811%29X0013-0). There is also an online CME available on the website, and related podcasts can be found at [www.cdc.gov/podcasts](http://www.cdc.gov/podcasts). To request additional hard copies, please contact Meg Watson at [mwatson2@cdc.gov](mailto:mwatson2@cdc.gov) or 770-488-3097.

Sincerely,

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