

DermaScan machines see sun-damaged skin before you do

From barbecues to beach trips to sporting activities, you've spent hundreds of hours in the sun.

Maybe you've tried to be diligent about protecting your skin from the sun's harmful rays. Maybe you haven't. Either way, a visit to the [Capital Blue health and wellness store](#) in The Promenade Shops of Saucon Valley can provide you with a screening of your skin's health, as well as important information and resources that can help you prevent sun damage.

The screening is possible thanks to the store's DermaScan machine, which uses ultraviolet light to show sun-damaged and dehydrated skin on your face that cannot be seen by the naked eye.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. According to the National Cancer Institute, each year more than 68,000 Americans are diagnosed with melanoma, and another 48,000 are diagnosed with an early form of the disease that involves only the top layer of skin. In addition, more than two million people are treated for basal cell or squamous cell skin cancer each year.

While a DermaScan machine cannot provide a diagnosis, Capital Blue care guides will recommend a follow-up with a dermatologist if a screening reveals suspicious moles, lesions, or sun damage.

"People have different reasons for using the DermaScan," said Capital Blue Care Guide Maggie Farrel. "They may be worried about something specific on their skin, or they may simply be curious because they haven't made a habit of applying sunscreen. Sometimes a DermaScan helps people realize that they have a good reason to see a dermatologist. That's the benefit of a skin health screening."

DermaScan screenings only take a few minutes and are free at the Capital Blue store. To schedule a screening, click [here](#) or visit [CapitalBlueStore.com](https://www.CapitalBlueStore.com).

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