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**MRA Releases Statement on the Mayo Clinic's Study Concerning the Increasing Incidence of Melanoma**

Mayo Clinic's findings contribute to the growing body of knowledge on the increasing incidence of melanoma among young adults. The rise of melanoma among young people is especially worrisome, given that one positive diagnosis suggests an increased risk of getting melanoma again in the future. Young people, particularly women, are more likely to be exposed to excessive UV radiation, including through use of tanning beds.

The Melanoma Research Alliance is deeply concerned with the rising incidence of skin cancer, and particularly melanoma, among young people. We support efforts to create greater awareness of the seriousness of this disease and the dangers of tanning beds along with greater action to protect youth from this known health danger.

Watch TODAY medical editor Dr. Nancy Snyderman talk about the new study.  
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