

# Project Highlight



## ***UAB Researchers Look at Cancer Risk in Adolescents***

Brian Geiger and Jason Fulmore are working to reduce the risk of skin cancers among Alabama youths, especially adolescent athletes. Dr. Geiger, a Professor of Health Education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of

Education, and Mr. Fulmore, a doctoral student at UAB, have reported that 86,000 students in Alabama participate in organized sports and are often outdoors for practices or events when ultraviolet (UV) radiation is strongest.

This is a concern because excessive exposure to UV radiation damages the skin and increases the risk of developing of skin cancers, especially melanomas, a deadly form of skin cancer. Support provided by the Research Consortium of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance will enable these researchers to review cancer content in state-approved textbooks, survey coaches, and interview teachers before recommending new educational approaches to reduce risk. Research results will be disseminated in state and national media.

To view a BlazerCast video excerpt of the *Geiger and Fulmore, Investigators* funded research project, visit the following YouTube web address: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mu\\_DdkMAmyE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mu_DdkMAmyE).



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