Melanocytes are essential to protecting the skin from the harmful effects of UV radiation. Paradoxically, melanocytes are the precursor to the most deadly form of skin cancer, Melanoma. Melanoma is one of the fastest growing tumor types in the United States and the number of cases worldwide has doubled over the last 30 years. Dr. Dellinger’s recent work has focused on the regulation of the bioactive lipid 12-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid (12-HETE) during melanoma progression. Dr. Dellinger will present his latest findings along with his plan to translate his discovery research to the population in collaboration with the Genes, Environment and Melanoma (GEM) Study to ascertain if genetic variation in 12-HETE regulatory enzymes alters melanoma risk.

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Genetic Variation in 12-HETE Regulatory Enzymes and Melanoma Risk

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