

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
POLICY

Subject: Dangers of Indoor UV Tanning

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POLICY STATEMENT

The South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) (1) supports the dissemination of information to physicians and the public about the dangers of ultraviolet light from sun exposure and the possible harmful effects of the ultraviolet light used in commercial tanning centers; (2) endorses the findings released by the FDA warning Americans that the use of UVA tanning booths and sun beds pose potentially significant health risks to users and should be discouraged; (3) supports working with the FDA and other specialty organizations to ensure that state and local authorities implement legislation, rules and regulations regarding UVA exposure, including posted warnings in commercial tanning salons and spas; and (4) supports the enactment of legislation to restrict and or prohibit access to indoor tanning equipment by anyone under the age of eighteen (18).

AUTHORITY

South Dakota State Medical Association Council of Physicians, 9/24/2010, 11/5/2021; Reaffirmed by South Dakota State Medical Association Board of Directors 11/8/2021.