

UV Damage and Skin Cancer Prevention by Caffeine: *Another Reason to Love Coffee*



SPEAKER:
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BIO:

Dr. Masaoki Kawasumi is a skin cancer researcher and Associate Professor of Dermatology at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, United States. He graduated from Keio University School of Medicine in Tokyo, Japan. During medical school, he worked with Dr. Masafumi Nishizawa in the Department of Microbiology, elucidating the regulation of cell cycle progression in yeast.

After obtaining an MD and a PhD from Keio University, Dr. Kawasumi joined Dr. Nghiem's laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital as a postdoctoral fellow, continuing his postdoctoral work at the University of Washington. Since then, Dr. Kawasumi has been conducting research in skin cancer biology, particularly addressing how cells respond to UV damage and how the DNA damage response can be harnessed to prevent UV-associated skin cancers. Dr. Kawasumi launched a research laboratory in 2016 as a Principal Investigator and Assistant Professor of Medicine/Dermatology at the University of Washington. His research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, Dermatology Foundation, and Kuni Foundation. In 2025, he moved to The Ohio State University to expand his research on skin cancer. Dr. Kawasumi serves as the Secretary of American Society for Photobiology (ASP) and Chair of ASP Webinar Committee. Recently, he served as a Program Chair for the ASP 2024 Biennial Meeting in Chicago. He is also an Associate Editor for Photodermatology, Photoimmunology & Photomedicine. Dr. Kawasumi also received the ASP New Investigator Award (2022) and ASP Presidential Service Award (2024).

