

Nobody Is Listening

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It was the article in *Wrestling USA Magazine's* October 1, 2002, issue "On Skin Stuff" by Ira Fleckman that prompted me to write yet another article with reference to skin lesions on wrestlers.

In this article, Mr. Fleckman wrote about the importance of thorough skin washing after wrestling. The physician from whom he obtained the contents of the article also spoke of how he had to disallow some wrestlers from wrestling even

with the required note from their own physician regarding the suspicious skin lesions. Since he was the tournament physician, he had that prerogative. One apparent reason was to avoid any liability should some individual come up with a