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FDA Limits Life-Saving Device

The FDA was initially thrilled with MelaFind, a device that can easily scan potential skin cancers – melanomas – and diagnose which ones are most likely to be cancerous. But then a new bureaucrat came on board and virtually shut it down. Plus a board of bureaucratic appointees said it “could cause harm because of its potential for misdiagnosis.” I guess that means we should all quit going to doctors since there’s always that potential.

It took one and a half years and the CEO pleading with Congress to get FDA approval. Meanwhile Europe approved it five months after the company’s request. Beware bureaucrats on power trips who would use their positions to restrict potentially life-saving treatments.