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## **UNDER OUR SKIN Nominated for Oscar**

Film Exposes Hidden Epidemic & Horrors of Broken Healthcare System  
*THE UNDERDOG ACADEMY AWARD STORY*

(Sausalito, CA ) – UNDER OUR SKIN, the acclaimed film that captured national headlines and sparked a grassroots movement by Lyme patients, just snagged an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary Feature. Unfolding like a real-life thriller, this investigative film exposes the hidden epidemic of Lyme disease and how our medical system is failing to help patients suffering from one of the most serious and misunderstood illnesses of our time.

UNDER OUR SKIN's nomination was announced Tuesday, February 2, by the president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and actress Anne Hathaway. The 82nd Academy Awards ceremony will honor the best films of 2009 and will take place March 7, 2010.

UNDER OUR SKIN's nomination by the Academy has brought worldwide attention to this underdog film and hidden epidemic. At a time when America's leaders battle over health care reform, UNDER OUR SKIN is the only film in contention that shines a spotlight on this important issue.

Emmy-nominated director Andy Abrahams Wilson is pleased that the Academy has honored the courageous Lyme patients and physicians whose stories are told in this film. "I hope that our nomination will help spread awareness about this devastating disease and serve as a catalyst to help save lives," says Wilson.

UNDER OUR SKIN, a production of Open Eye Pictures in Sausalito, CA, has already racked up a dozens of awards including five Best Documentary awards at international film festivals, as well as top medical media awards. Covered by major national news outlets, including CNN and ABC, here's what top critics have to say:

"More deeply terrifying than any slasher film you'll ever see."

- Michael O'Sullivan, Washington Post

“Fascinating...artful and compelling.”

- Frank DiGiacomo, Vanity Fair

“Scary enough to make the faint of heart decide never to venture into the woods.”

- Stephen Holden, New York Times

“Stirs the deepest emotions and reveals the most unsettling truth.”

- Justin Berton, San Francisco Chronicle

If you are interested in interviewing the film's director--or physicians and patients in the documentary, please contact Marc at [marc@onthemarcmedia.com](mailto:marc@onthemarcmedia.com) or (410) 963-2345