

# Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States

There are two main types of skin cancer  
Non-Melanoma and Melanoma

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of skin  
cancer:



## BCC

**Basal Cell Carcinoma (Non-Melanoma):**  
75% of diagnosed non-melanoma skin cancers.

## SCC

**Squamous Cell Carcinoma (Non-Melanoma):**  
20% of diagnosed non-melanoma skin cancers.  
Sometimes causes secondary cancers.

## MM

**Malignant Melanoma:**  
Irregular shape/color, can cause death.

## Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)

- Most common form of Skin Cancer. 75% of skin cancers
- Cancer develops from the basal cells within the skin.
- Affects mainly the middle to elderly population.
- Most likely to be caused from years of sun exposure
- Most commonly found on face, nose, forehead and cheeks.
- Isolated to the skin only - Does not metastasize



## Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)

- 20% of skin cancers are diagnosed as an SCC
- Most likely to be caused from years of sun exposure/sun beds.
- Occur on all sun exposed areas, skin that has burnt in the past, scars, ulcerated skin
- SCC's are generally faster growing than basal cell cancers (BCC's)
- Most common cancer in Black and Asian Skin
- Can metastasize



## Melanoma (MM)

Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer. However, when detected early, melanoma can be effectively treated. You can identify the warning signs of melanoma by looking for the following:

## A

### symmetry

Half of the mole does not match the other.



## B

### order

The edges are irregular, jagged or blurred.



## C

### olor

The color of the mole is not the same and may include shades of brown, black and sometimes patches of pink, white, red, or blue.



## D

### iameter

The mole is larger than 6 millimeters across (about the size of a pencil eraser), although melanomas can sometimes be smaller.



## E

### volving

The mole is changing in size, shape or color.



**Remember:** Some melanomas do not fit the rules of 'ABCDE' so it is important to tell your doctor about any new changes to your skin.