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Skin Cancer

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## **Types of Skin Cancer**

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. The two most common types of skin cancer—basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas—are highly curable, but can be disfiguring and costly to treat. Melanoma, the third most common skin cancer, is more dangerous and causes the most deaths. The majority of skin cancer is caused by overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) light.

Basal cell carcinoma begins in the **basal cell layer** of the skin. Squamous cell carcinoma begins in the **squamous layer**. **Melanoma** begins in the **melanocytes**, which are the cells that make **melanin**, the pigment that gives skin its color. Changes in skin color or texture, and skin growths, should be checked by a medical professional.



Easy options to avoid overexposure to UV radiation-

- Stay in the shade, especially during midday hours.
- Wear clothing that covers your arms and legs.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade your face, head, ears and neck.
- Wear sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays.
- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.
- Avoid indoor tanning.

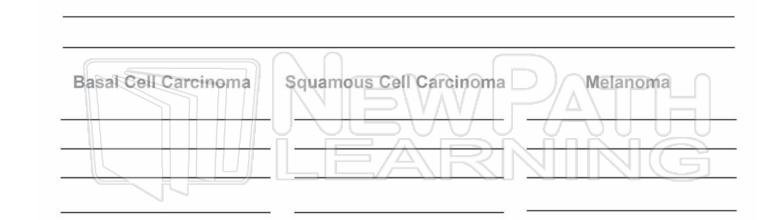


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