

What is Skin Cancer?

Skin cancer occurs when cells in your skin grow out of control. It can happen anywhere on the body but is most common in areas that are exposed to the sun – the face, neck, arms and legs.

It can affect people of any ethnicity, gender or age.



Types of Skin Cancer

- 1 Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)**
A shiny bump or red spot
- 2 Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)**
A rough, scaly patch or a sore that doesn't heal
- 3 Melanoma**
A new, unusual mole or change in an existing mole



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Treatment Options

Mohs Micrographic Surgery – The physician removes the cancer layer by layer, checking each layer under a microscope until no more cancer cells are seen.

Excisional Surgery – The physician cuts out the cancer and some of the healthy skin around it.

Electrodessication and Curettage – The physician scrapes off the cancer and uses electricity to kill any remaining cancer cells.

Topical Medications – Creams applied to the skin to kill cancer cells.

Oral Medications – Pills taken by mouth to help fight cancer.

The recommended treatment depends on the type of skin cancer diagnosis.

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