

Skin Cancer Fact Sheet

- Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. More than 3.5 million skin cancers in more than 2 million people are diagnosed annually.
- One in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime.
- Over the last 31 years, more people have had skin cancer than all other cancers combined.
- Forty percent to 50% of Americans who live to age 65 years will have nonmelanoma skin cancer at least once.
- One person dies of melanoma every hour (every 62 minutes).
- One in 55 people will be diagnosed with melanoma in their lifetime.
- The incidence of many common cancers is falling, but the incidence of melanoma continues to rise at a rate faster than any of the 7 most common cancers.
- An estimated 114,900 new cases of melanoma were diagnosed in the United States in 2010 (44,770 noninvasive [*in situ*] and 68,130 invasive) with nearly 8,700 resulting in death.
- Melanoma is the fifth most common cancer for males and sixth most common for females.
- The majority of people diagnosed with melanoma are white men older than 50 years.
- Approximately 39,000 new cases of melanoma occur in men each year in the United States and 29,000 in women.
- Approximately 5,700 deaths from melanoma occur in men each year in the United States and 3000 in women.
- Five percent of all cancers in men are melanomas; 4% of all cancer in women are melanomas.

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