



**SkinSmart**  
DERMATOLOGY™

## Know The Facts About Your Skin

**BASAL CELL CARCINOMA:** The most common type of skin cancer, Basal Cell Carcinoma can show up on the skin in many ways.

For most people, BCC is not life-threatening. It tends to grow slowly. It seldom spreads to another part of the body. Even so, treatment is important. [Click here for more info on Basal Cell Carcinoma.](#)

**SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA:** A common type of skin cancer, Squamous Cell skin cancer can develop from a pre-cancerous skin growth called an actinic keratosis (AK).

In the skin, this cancer is usually not life-threatening. It tends to grow slowly, but it can grow deep. When the cancer grows deep, it can injure nerves, blood vessels, and anything else in its path. As the cancer cells pile up, a large tumor can form.

[Click here for more info on Squamous Cell Carcinoma.](#)

**MELANOMA:** A type of skin cancer, Melanoma is often called the “most serious skin cancer” because it can spread from the skin to other parts of the body.

**Stage 0** ~ (*Melanoma in situ*) ~ *Melanoma is in the outer layers of the skin. Treatment in this stage often cures the patient of melanoma.*

**Stage I** ~ *Melanoma is in the outer layers of skin (epidermis) and sometimes the upper part of the inner layers (the dermis). A cure is often possible.*

**Stage II** ~ *Melanoma is found in the outer layers of skin and in the lower layers of the dermis. The likelihood of a cure is still good.*

**Stage III** ~ *The cancer cells have spread beyond the skin and are found in a lymph node(s) or lymph vessel(s) closest to where the melanoma began.*

**Stage IV** ~ *The cancer has spread beyond the closest lymph nodes to one or more parts of the body.*

[Click here for more info on Melanoma.](#)

**ATYPICAL MOLES:** (also known as dysplastic nevi) Unusual-looking moles that have irregular features under the microscope. Though benign, they are worth more of your attention because individuals with atypical moles are at increased risk for Melanoma, a dangerous skin cancer.

[Click here for more info on Atypical Moles.](#)

**SEBORRHEIC KERATOSIS:** A common skin growth. It may seem worrisome because it can look like a wart, pre-cancerous skin growth (Actinic Keratosis), or skin cancer. Despite their appearance, Seborrheic Keratoses are harmless.

[Click here for more info on Seborrheic Keratosis.](#)

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