

Melanoma – Skin Cancer – Tanning Quick Facts

Skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, with 5.4 MILLION PEOPLE treated each year.

Each year there are **more new cases of skin cancer** than the combined incidence of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung and colon.

Every 8 minutes someone is diagnosed with melanoma, the deadliest of skin cancers.

One person dies of melanoma every hour.

An estimated 87,110 new cases of invasive melanoma will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2017.

An estimated 9,730 people will die of melanoma in 2017.

Treatment for skin cancer costs **\$8.1 BILLION** each year in the United States.

Anyone can get skin cancer. Although those with lighter skin are at higher risk of getting skin cancer, people with darker skin may often be diagnosed with skin cancer at a later stage, making it difficult to treat.

Melanoma is the second most common cancer among young adults ages 15-29.

More people develop skin cancer because of tanning than develop lung cancer because of smoking.

Tanned skin is damaged skin.

Choose sun protection strategies that work:

- Wear a hat, sunglasses, and other protective clothing, seek shade, especially during midday hours.
- Use broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30-50 to protect any exposed skin. Remember that sunscreen is most effective when used in combination with other methods, and when reapplied as directed.
- Remember to [Apply Cover Enjoy](#)™

Most skin cancers can be prevented—but we aren't doing enough – get Educated and Certified in Sun Safety.

