Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer or the unknown relative of Melanoma

Did you know?

Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer or NMSC is the most common cancer in the world



1 in 5 over 70 years old have had at least 1 Non-Melanoma skin cancer

Which type of skin cancer do you have?

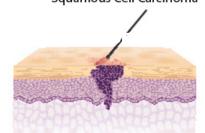
Non-Melanoma skin cancer

Basal Cell Carcinoma

occurs when the first cell affected is a basal cell, located in the lower part of the epidermis. These lesions are mostly red or pale in colour and appear as a lump or as dry, scaly area. They grow slowly.



Squamous Cell Carcinoma



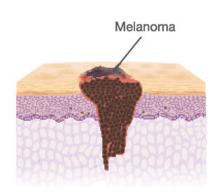
Squamous Cell Carcinoma

ocurs when the first cell affected is a squamous cell, located in the upper part of the epidermis. They often appear as a thick, red scaly spot that bleeds easily, crusts or becomes ulcerated.

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Melanomas are caused by a malignant change in the melanocytes, the cells that form the skin pigment melanin.

Melanoma is often very aggressive and is responsible for most deaths from skin cancer.



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it is important to diagnose Non-Melanoma skin cancer as early as possible. Examine your skin regularly, and if you notice any abnormalities visit your dermatologist or GP. People who have had Non-Melanoma skin cancer have a higher risk of developing a new skin cancer.

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