

## Mayo Clinic Minute: The most common types of skin cancer

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S., affecting millions worldwide. This cancer comes in two main types: [melanoma](#), which is less common but more deadly, and [nonmelanoma](#) skin cancers, which include [basal cell carcinoma](#) and [squamous cell carcinoma](#).

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:	"Both basal and squamous cell carcinoma, they're often slow-growing skin cancers. They're both caused mostly by the sun."
	These cancers are predominantly found on sun-exposed areas, like the face, scalp, neck and ears, says Mayo Clinic's Dr. Collin Costello.
Collin Costello, M.D. Dermatology Mayo Clinic	"For basal cells, they're often a pink bump that slowly enlarges with time. And sometimes they can bleed and be a little tender."
	Squamous cell carcinoma may look like a skin-colored bump.
	"Sometimes they can get painful and get ulcerated or of be almost like a nonhealing wound."
	Early diagnosis and treatment for these nonmelanoma cancers are crucial. See a dermatologist if you notice spots changing or growing.
	"The majority of time both basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma are treated with Mohs surgery, particularly when it's on the face, scalp and neck."
	Reduce your risk and be sure to use sunscreen daily to help prevent exposure to dangerous ultraviolet rays.
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