



## Skin Cancer Disease Overview

- Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. The types of skin cancer are broken up into 6 categories:
  - Basal cell carcinoma
  - Squamous cell carcinoma
  - Melanoma
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  - Lymphoma of the skin
  - Kaposi sarcoma
- Basal and squamous cell carcinoma are the two most common types of skin cancer and can be easily treated. Melanoma is the third most common skin cancer, but is the most deadly. These three most common types of skin cancer are all caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays. These rays come from the sun, tanning beds and sunlamps.
- Merkel cell carcinoma, Lymphoma of the skin and Kaposi sarcoma are much less common types of skin cancer and make up less than 1% of all diagnosed skin cancers.