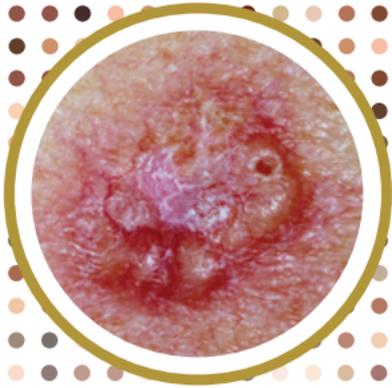


# Basal Cell Carcinoma



Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) is the most common form of skin cancer. It is marked by uncontrolled growth of basal cells, a type of cell in the top layer of skin. Although it rarely spreads (metastasizes) to other organs of the body, it can destroy surrounding tissue. BCCs grow slowly, so most are curable when caught and treated early.

People with 1 basal cell carcinoma have a **greater risk** of developing others.

Source: American Cancer Society, 2020



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## What happens now?

Basal cell carcinoma is typically treated with surgery to remove the cancer completely. Other options may be considered depending on the location and size of your BCC, as well as whether it is a first-time or recurring BCC.

**Have an open discussion with your doctor. Here are some questions that may help you better understand your status:**

- What's the most appropriate course of action?
- Will I be OK if the cancer is removed with no other treatment?
- What will testing cost? Does medical insurance cover it?
- Will I have a scar? How big will it be?
- What are the chances of the cancer returning?
- How will I know if it has come back? What should I be looking for?

Nonmelanoma skin cancer, including basal cell carcinoma, affects more than **3 million** Americans a year.

Source: American Academy of Dermatology Association

## Treatment options

- Surgical removal
- Electrosurgery
- Radiation therapy



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