Skin Cancer (Non-Melanoma) - Statistics

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Statistics

ON THIS PAGE: You will find information about how many people learn they have these types of non-melanoma skin cancer each year and some general survival information. Remember, survival rates depend on several factors. To see other pages in this guide, use the colored boxes on the right side of your screen, or click ?Next? at the bottom.

It is estimated that more than two million people in the United States are diagnosed with non-melanoma skin cancer each year. Basal cell carcinoma is more common than squamous cell carcinoma.

In general, basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma are typically curable and are not traditionally included in overall cancer statistics. Despite this, about 2,000 people die from non-melanoma skin cancer each year, while more than 9,000 people die every year from melanoma.

Cancer statistics should be interpreted with caution. These estimates are based on data from thousands of people with this type of cancer in the United States each year, but the actual risk for a particular individual may differ. It is not possible to tell a person how long he or she will live with non-melanoma skin cancer. Learn more about understanding statistics [2].

Source: The American Cancer Society.

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