

Skin Cancer (Non-Melanoma) - Latest Research [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will read about the scientific research being done now to learn more about non-melanoma skin cancer and how to treat it. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Doctors are working to learn more about skin cancer, ways to prevent it, how to best treat it, and how to provide the best care to people diagnosed with this disease. The following areas of research may include new options for patients through [clinical trials](#) [3]. Always talk with your doctor about the diagnostic and treatment options best for you.

EGFR inhibitors for advanced or metastatic squamous cell carcinoma. Many squamous cell carcinomas grow uncontrollably because of a tumor protein known as the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR). Several clinical trials are investigating whether drugs that inhibit EGFR are effective against advanced or metastatic disease.

Additional ?Hedgehog pathway? inhibitors for advanced basal cell carcinoma.

Researchers are developing other new ?hedgehog pathway? inhibitors for advanced basal cell carcinoma that cannot be treated with surgery or radiation therapy.

Supportive care. Clinical trials are underway to find better ways of reducing symptoms and side effects of current skin cancer treatments, in order to improve patients? comfort and quality of life.

To find clinical trials specific to your diagnosis, talk with your doctor or [search online clinical trial databases now](#) [4].

The next section addresses how to cope with the symptoms of the disease or the side effects of its treatment. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select [Coping with Side Effects](#), or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

Links:

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/skin-cancer-non-melanoma/latest-research>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/19626>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24878>