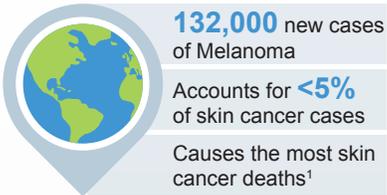


# MELANOMA

Melanoma is a type of skin cancer that begins in specialized skin cells called melanocytes. Among the various types of skin cancer, melanoma is the most aggressive and also the most serious.<sup>1</sup>

## PREVALENCE

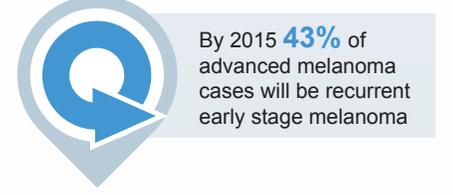
### ANNUAL GLOBAL PREVALENCE



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### GROWING RATES OF RECURRENCE



## METASTATIC MELANOMA

Metastatic melanoma refers to a disease that has spread from its original lesion site to deeper parts of the skin, and eventually to other parts of the body distant to the primary lesion site.<sup>4</sup>

### RELATIVE SURVIVAL RATE



## RISK FACTORS



Have a close relative who has had the disease<sup>1</sup>



Family history of melanoma<sup>1</sup>



Ultraviolet (UV) light<sup>1</sup>



- Fair skin, freckles and light hair<sup>1</sup>
- Moles<sup>1</sup>



Higher for whites than for blacks<sup>1</sup>



Melanoma is one of the most common cancers in people under age 30<sup>1</sup>

## TREATMENT

Treatment for melanoma depends on the type and stage of the disease, the size and place of the tumor and the patient's general health and medical history. In most cases, the goal of treatment is to remove or destroy the cancer completely.<sup>2</sup> Once melanoma has been found and staged, the patient's cancer care team will recommend treatment options. Early detection is key.

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