



SKIN CANCER QUIZ

(test your knowledge about skin cancer)

The following quiz is a test of how much you know about skin cancer. It is designed to help you learn more about it and how to prevent it.

Year of birth: ___/___/___

Male: _____

Female: _____

Zip code: _____

1. More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.
True False
2. The development of a new mole or a change in an existing mole may be a sign of skin cancer.
True False
3. People with dark skin can't get skin cancer.
True False
4. You can't die from skin cancer.
True False
5. You have an increased risk of melanoma if your parents, sibling or children have had melanoma.
True False
6. Melanoma, a serious type of skin cancer, cannot be cured.
True False
7. Melanoma can occur anywhere on your body.
True False
8. Redheads and blondes are more likely to get melanoma.
True False
9. If you were born with many moles, large moles or atypical (unusual moles), you are more likely to develop melanoma.
True False



SKIN CANCER QUIZ ANSWERS

More than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.

1. **TRUE** - **According to the American Cancer Society's 2008 Cancer Facts and Figures, more than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.**

The development of a new mole or a change in an existing mole may be a sign of skin cancer.

2. **TRUE** - **The development of a new mole or any changes in the size, color, shape or texture of an existing mole may be a sign of skin cancer and should be reported to a dermatologist or personal physician.**

People with dark skin can't get skin cancer.

3. **FALSE** - **Anyone can get skin cancer. It is important to regularly examine your skin for signs of cancer regardless the color of your skin.**

You can't die from skin cancer.

4. **FALSE** - **This year more than 8,400 Americans will die from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.**

You have an increased risk of melanoma if your parents, sibling or children have had melanoma.

5. **TRUE** - **Your risk is increased if your parent, child or sibling has had melanoma.**

Melanoma, a serious type of skin cancer, cannot be cured.

6. **FALSE** - **When treated in its earliest stage, melanoma can be successfully treated.**

Melanoma can occur anywhere on your body.

7. **TRUE** - **Melanomas can develop anywhere on the body, even places that are not exposed to the sun, such as the soles of the feet.**

Redheads and blondes are more likely to get melanoma.

8. **TRUE** - **Redheads and blondes have a greater risk of developing melanoma.**

If you were born with many moles, large moles or atypical (unusual moles), you are more likely to develop melanoma.

9. **TRUE** - **Most moles develop some time after birth, but some people are born with moles.**

¹American Cancer Society. 2008 Cancer Facts and Figures.

²National Cancer Institute's "What You Need to Know About Skin Cancer"

³National Cancer Institute's "What You Need to Know About Skin Cancer" and "What You Need to Know About Melanoma"

⁴American Cancer Society. 2008 Cancer Facts and Figures.

⁵⁻⁹National Cancer Institute's "What You Need to Know About Melanoma"