Skin cancer is cancer that forms in tissues of the skin. There are several types of skin cancer. Skin cancer that forms in melanocytes (skin cells that make pigment) is called melanoma. Skin cancer that forms in basal cells (small, round cells in the base of the outer layer of skin) is called basal cell carcinoma. Skin cancer that forms in squamous cells (flat cells that form the surface of the skin) is called squamous cell carcinoma. Most skin cancers form in older people on parts of the body exposed to the sun or in people who have weakened immune systems.

Nonmelanomas are far more common, with more than 1 million cases in the United States diagnosed each year. They are much less serious than melanomas, which are responsible for more than 68,000 new cancer cases every year.

For more information, visit the National Cancer Institute's page on skin cancer: http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/skin
.

Treatment at the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center handles thousands of skin cancer cases each year for the treatment of melanoma, high-risk basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and other rare skin tumors, while also offering access to specialists in other areas, should the need arise.

About the Skin Cancer Clinic

Make an appointment

The experience

Find UAB doctors who treat skin cancer

Skin Cancer Clinic:
The Kirklin Clinic, 3rd and 4th Floor
2000 6th Ave. South
Birmingham, AL 35233
(205) 996-SKIN (7546)

Skin Cancer Research at the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center is actively involved in several innovative trials studying the best and most effective methods of treating skin cancer. One of the most promising studies involves a morning-after cream applied after prolonged exposure to sunlight with the goal of repairing damage caused to the skin by the sun.

Clinical Trials

Our Discoveries

Related Services at UAB

Skin Cancer Clinic

UAB Department of Surgery

UAB Radiation Oncology

UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Support & Resources

CarePages

UAB Medicine

UAB School of Medicine

Support Groups

Courage Companions

Resources and Information about Skin Cancer

National Cancer Institute

American Cancer Society

Melanoma International Foundation

To Become a Patient

UAB HealthFinder can connect you to the service you need. You can access HealthFinder by calling **(205) 934-9999** or toll-free **1-800-UAB-8816** or you can **make your appointment online** .