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Risk factors

- A lighter natural skin color
- Skin that burns, freckles, reddens easily, or becomes painful in the sun
- Blue or green eyes
- Blond or red hair
- Certain types and a large number of moles
- A family history of skin cancer
- A personal history of skin cancer
- Older age

Symptoms

- A change in your skin like a new growth, a sore that doesn't heal, or a change in a mole

How to spot using the A-B-C-D-Es of melanoma

- A. Asymmetrical:** Does the mole or spot have an irregular shape with two parts that look very different?
- B. Border:** Is the border irregular or jagged?
- C. Color:** Is the color uneven?
- D. Diameter:** Is the mole or spot larger than the size of a pea?
- E. Evolving:** Has the mole or spot changed during the past few weeks or months?

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