

More than moles

Doctors want you to know all types of skin lesions so you can be vigilant for cancer and other issues

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"A skin lesion is any type of abnormal growth. It can happen anywhere on the body. If it doesn't look like normal skin, it's considered a growth." (:09)

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"We look at the lesion. The majority of the time, we can tell if something is benign or malignant. If we have questions, we err on the side of caution and do a biopsy. Biopsies can be done in the office. If it's a bigger procedure, we have to go to the operating room." (:29)

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"Let's say it's on your arm. We clean up the arm. We inject some lidocaine, which is a numbing agent. Then with a knife or other instrument, I'm able to cut it all out. Depending on how deep it is and the size of the lesion, we can glue it back together or put stitches in." (:17)

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"Don't overclean. If you scratch your skin, that allows bacteria and other things to get into your skin and cause infections." (:09)