

## Types of Eyelid & Facial Cancers, Growths, and Lesions

- **Basal cell carcinoma** is the most common form of skin cancer found on the face and eyelids. This form of skin cancer can grow deep if not treated and removed.
- **Squamous cell carcinoma** is the second most common form of cancer found on the face and eyelids and can spread if not treated.
- **Melanoma** is one of the least common forms of skin cancer, but the most dangerous. It needs to be aggressively treated and removed since it can be life threatening.
- **Sebaceous cell carcinoma** is the least common form of skin cancer. It is most commonly found on the upper eyelid. This type of skin cancer also needs to be considered dangerous and if suspected will need to be biopsied.
- **Styes or external hordeolum** are infections of the oil glands located in an eyelash follicle at the eyelid margin.

## Treatment options

There are various removal methods depending on the type, size and location of your skin growth. If the growth is small, removal can be done under local anesthesia as an office procedure. Larger or cancerous growths may require removal surgically as an outpatient in order to ensure control of bleeding, complete removal, and the use of highly developed suturing technique for less scarring.

## Prevention

Individuals should avoid exposure to sunlight by wearing protective clothing and sunglasses to protect the delicate skin around your eyes. Protective clothing, sunscreen, and sunglasses are advisable when spending time outdoors.