

# What is Basal cell cancer and what does it look like?

Basal cell carcinoma is the most common type of skin cancer. It usually appears as a sore that won't heal or a pearly, shiny bump or knot that sometimes has small blood vessels within the affected area. The area may bleed with minor trauma.

There are several other presentations including one that appears like a red, rough patch. Sometimes, they are mistaken for pimples, cysts and rashes. Basal cell carcinoma does not progress to invade the blood stream except under extreme circumstances. However, it can invade and destroy the local area and cause deformity if left unchecked.