ORLANDO HEALTH® Cancer Institute



SKIN
CANCER
DETECTION
SELFEXAMINATION
GUIDE

SKIN CANCERS ARE HIGHLY CURABLE WHEN CAUGHT AND TREATED EARLY.

Performing this monthly self-exam can help you stay one step ahead of any possible skin cancer formation.

STEP 1



Begin with your face, ears, head and neck, using mirrors to inspect from all directions. Ask your hair stylist or barber to examine your scalp, too.



Examine the skin on your torso and shoulders.
Remember to check the skin folds.



Inspect each arm, including the underarm, forearm and elbow. Continue down to the hand, checking each finger and fingernail.



Using a full-length mirror and hand mirror, examine your back, buttocks and backs of your legs.



In a seated position, finish checking your legs. Raising one foot at a time, inspect each foot, top and sole, and between the toes. Using a hand mirror, examine the genital area.

WHATTO LOCKED LO

- A growth that increases in size and appears pearly, transparent, tan, brown, black or multicolored
- A mole, birthmark or brown spot that increases in size, thickness, changes color or texture, or is bigger than a pencil eraser
- A spot or sore that continues to itch, hurt, crust, scab or bleed
- An open sore that does not heal within three weeks

If you see something new, changing or unusual, get checked by a dermatologist right away.



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