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Abstract

In the U.S. more than two people die of skin cancer every hour. Skin cancer is a disease where the cells in the skin grow out-of-control and it is caused by DNA damage. The mutations in skin cells from damaged DNA eventually lead to the rapid multiplication of skin cells, forming tumors that can be cancerous. A story has been created that has many possible outcomes, as determined by the reader who has the ability to make personal health decisions that will ultimately put the main character at greater or lesser risk of skin cancer. The interplay between risk factors and non-modifiable characteristics such as skin color, skin that burns, freckles, and reddens easily, blue or green eyes, blond or red hair, a certain type of mole, or a larger number moles, and a family history of skin cancer all play a role in skin cancer risk in this story. One of the biggest risk factors for skin cancer is exposure to UV rays. Some signs and symptoms of melanoma are large brown spots with dark speckles, a mole that changes in color or size, or a small lesion with irregular borders. The purpose of this storyboard adventure is to challenge everyone to see if they can effectively make good decisions and avoid skin cancer or the main character will ultimately suffer the risky personal health decisions.