**Melanoma in Illinois**

**Facts and Figures**

Melanoma is a rare but dangerous form of skin cancer.

The 6th and 7th most common cancer among men and women respectively diagnosed in over 2,900 men and women every year.

91% of people diagnosed with melanoma do not die of it within 5 years.

**Avoid Risk Factors & Know the Signs**

Talk to your doctor if you have a mole with the following characteristics:

- **A**: Asymmetry sides that do not match
- **B**: Border uneven or irregular borders
- **C**: Color inconsistent color/varying colors
- **D**: Diameter larger than a pencil eraser (1/4 inch)
- **E**: Evolving changing size, shape, or color

Other risk factors:

- Excess exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light from sunlight, tanning beds, etc.
- Family history of melanoma
- Fair skin, freckling, & light hair
- Personal history of cancer and/or a weakened immune system

**Note:** All cancer incidence and mortality data are specific to Illinois residents. Five-year survival estimates reflect age-standardized, relative survival. Methods are described in the 'Cancer in North America 2011-2015' report. All rates are for per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard million population. Unless otherwise noted, displayed incidence and mortality rates have been calculated for the 2015 calendar year.

**References:**