

CHECK
YOUR
SKIN
NOW

The importance
of early detection.

The early diagnosis of skin cancer can dramatically improve the outcome of treatment. The sooner skin cancer is found, the easier it is to remove before growth spreads to other areas of the body.

Early detection is vital as even small skin cancers have the potential to grow and cause significant problems to your health.



Doctors of Tewantin Skin Cancer Checks

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. The lifetime risk of getting a non melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) is about 70%. The lifetime risk of getting melanoma is about 7%. Sun protection can limit skin cancers to a certain degree but by far the most proven effective treatment is early detection and removal. If a melanoma is detected early at a superficial stage there is a greater than 95% chance of still being alive after 5 years. Wait until it is has started to spread and this can be a less than 50% chance.

Detection depends on looking properly, with adequate exposure of the skin, done by doctors trained in detection, and using good equipment. This we can offer at Doctors of Tewantin. Then the next priority is to get rid of the cancer with adequate margins of safety, significantly reducing the chance of any recurrence. This can be done at Doctors of Tewantin.

Finally, but still importantly, we aim to ensure the function of the skin remains intact and a good cosmetic outcome is achieved. This can be done at Doctors of Tewantin.

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