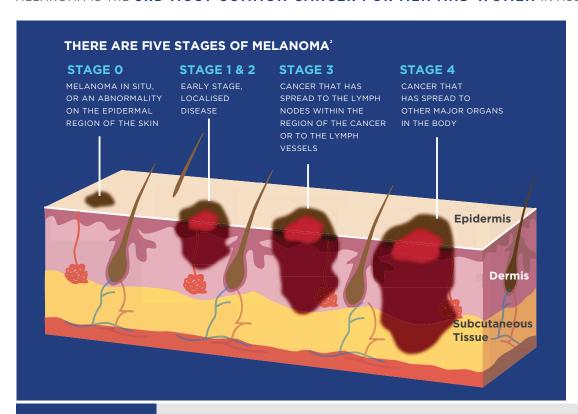
# **MELANOMA BY THE NUMBERS**

MELANOMA IS A FORM OF SKIN CANCER CHARACTERISED BY THE UNCONTROLLED GROWTH OF PIGMENT-PRODUCING CELLS (MELANOCYTES) LOCATED IN THE SKIN

MELANOMA IS THE 3RD MOST COMMON CANCER FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA.





AUSTRALIA HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF **MELANOMA** WITH 50 CASES PER 100.000 PEOPLE3 **OVER 10 TIMES HIGHER** THAN THE ESTIMATED GLOBAL AVERAGE<sup>1</sup>

over **1,905** AUSTRALIANS DIE FROM MELANOMA EACH YEAR, **ACCOUNTING FOR 3.9%** OF ALL CANCER DEATHS1

MELANOMA IS THE MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCER IN AUSTRALIANS

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**QUEENSLAND** IS THE **'MELANOMA CAPITAL OF** THE WORLD' WITH A RATE OF 67 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE.5

# MORTALITY RATES PER 100 000 PEOPLE 6.2 7.5 6.3 5.9 5.0 5.9

#### **FAMILY** HISTORY

PEOPLE WITH A FAMILY HISTORY OF MELANOMA ARE AT A GREATER RISK

## **RISK**

FACTORS<sup>5</sup> THERE ARE A



## **SEVERAL** ATYPICAL MOLES

### **UV RAY EXPOSURE**

THE RISK OF DEVELOPING SKIN CANCER RISES WITH EXPOSURE TO UV RADIATION



## TREATMENT APPROACHES

FOR PATIENTS WITH MELANOMA, SURVIVAL RATES VARY GREATLY DEPENDING ON THE STAGE OF DISEASE. FOLLOWING DIAGNOSIS, OPTIONS MAY INCLUDE ONE OR MORE APPROACHES, INCLUDING:6



SURGERY



THERAPY



**IMMUNOTHERAPY** 



**DRUG THERAPY** 



**CHEMOTHERAPY** 

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