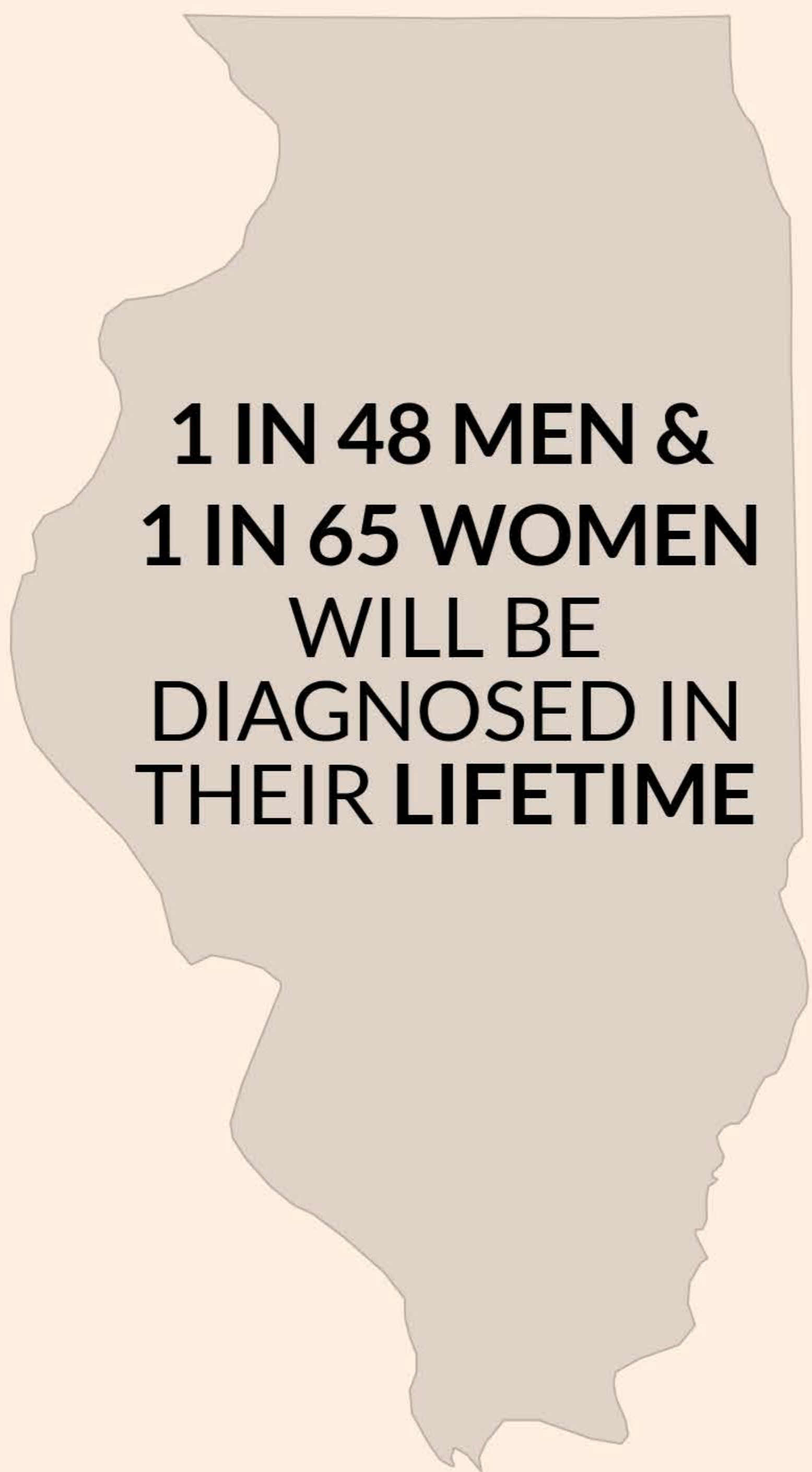


# MELANOMA IN ILLINOIS

## FACTS AND FIGURES

MELANOMA IS A RARE BUT DANGEROUS FORM OF SKIN CANCER.



THE **6<sup>TH</sup>** AND **7<sup>TH</sup>**

MOST COMMON CANCER AMONG MEN AND WOMEN RESPECTIVELY

DIAGNOSED IN OVER

**2,900**

MEN AND WOMEN EVERY YEAR

**91%**

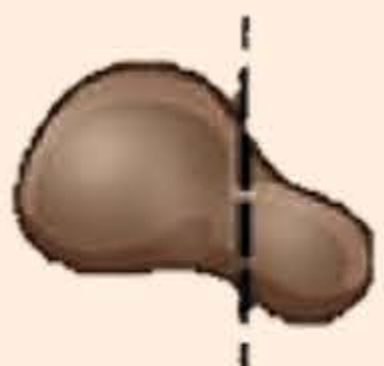
OF PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH MELANOMA DO NOT DIE OF IT WITHIN 5 YEARS



## AVOID RISK FACTORS & KNOW THE SIGNS

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU HAVE A MOLE WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

OTHER RISK FACTORS



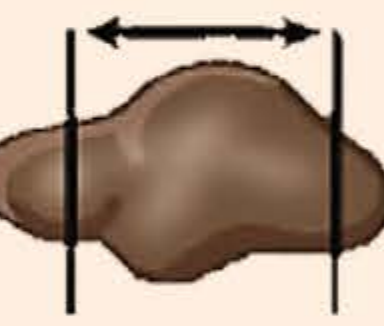
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SIDES THAT DO NOT MATCH



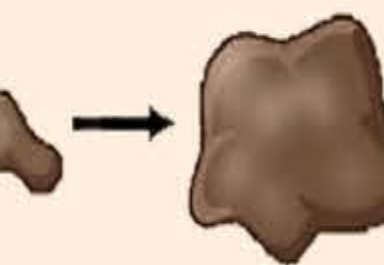
**B**ORDER  
UNEVEN OR IRREGULAR BORDERS



**C**OLOR  
INCONSISTENT COLOR/ VARIETY OF COLORS



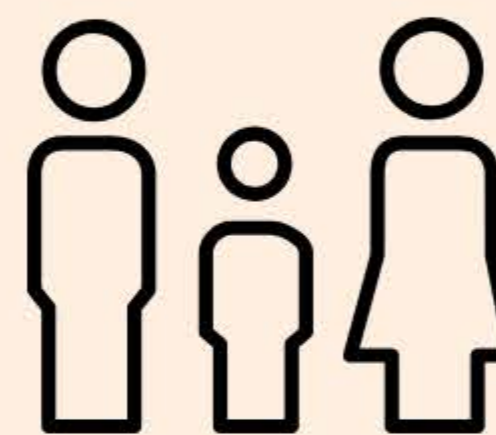
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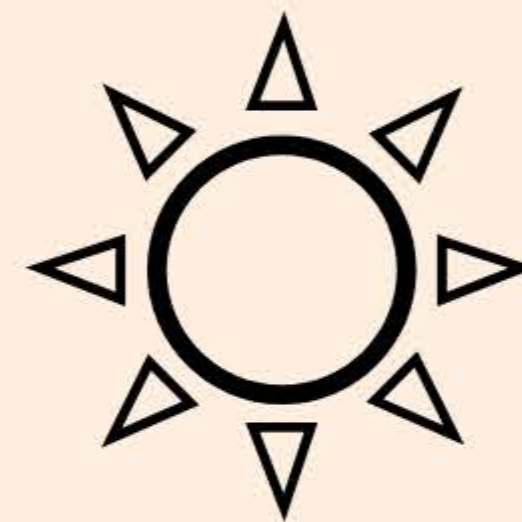
**E**VOLVING  
CHANGING SIZE, SHAPE, OR COLOR



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, cited below. All presented rates are 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.

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