

ACTIVITY 1:

Skin cancer facts and stats

In this lesson, students will develop their understanding about the impact that skin cancer has on the health of the Australian population and how this has changed over time.

Ask students to visit wiki.cancer.org.au/skincancerstats and read through the skin cancer incidence and mortality section. This information will help them answer the following questions.

QUESTIONS

1. Compare and contrast the incidence and mortality rates between men and women from *Table 1 Australian incidence and mortality for non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) and melanoma*.
2. Explain the trends in *Figure 1 Mortality Rates in Australia 1982 to 2016*.
3. Explain *Table 2 Australian incidence and mortality of melanoma* and compare the data from 2012 and 2015.
4. Rank the percentage of people diagnosed with melanoma according to age.
5. Explain three key factors associated with location that contribute to incidence of skin cancer.
6. Explain the economic impact that skin cancer has on the health care system.
7. Explain the survival rates after diagnosis of skin cancer and how this has changed since 1980.

