

## Get to Know the Treatment Options for Skin Cancer

Millions of people are diagnosed with the most common form of cancer each year: **nonmelanoma skin cancer**. *The good news?* This type of cancer is often very curable and **there are many ways to treat it**.

The more you **learn about the treatments options**, the better you can **work with your doctor** to choose the one that's right for **you**.

The **most common** advanced treatments for skin cancer are:

- **Mohs surgery:** A **surgical procedure** where the cancer is carefully cut out of the skin. After the tumor is removed, scar tissue grows back in its place. Sometimes, reconstructive surgery is needed to fix scarring on the skin
- **Image-Guided SRT:** A **nonsurgical treatment** that uses low amounts of X-rays to kill cancer cells so normal tissue can grow back in its place. It is the only treatment with ultrasound imaging, so you and your doctor can watch the tumor go away slowly

### Surgery or no surgery? Which treatment is right for you?

Image-Guided SRT	Mohs surgery
Noninvasive treatment (no cutting, bleeding, or pain)	Invasive treatment (cutting, bleeding, pain)
No anesthesia needed	Requires local anesthesia
Typically involves 3 to 5 short treatment sessions per week for 4 to 7 weeks	Can take several hours or all day to complete depending on the severity of skin cancer
Short healing time and no impact on daily activities	Lengthy healing time with possible limitations on daily activities
No reconstructive surgery needed	1 in 3 people need reconstructive surgery after Mohs surgery
99%+ cure rate	96%–98% cure rate

The Skin Cancer Information Specialists at GentleCure can help you learn about your treatment options. Call (636) DON'T CUT or visit [GentleCure.com](http://GentleCure.com) today.