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Research Highlights

- Research confirms skin cancer is disproportionately high in the UK youth population
- 86% of skin cancer cases could be prevented
- £100 million per year is spent managing skin cancer in the UK
- A scoping review identified demographic and environmental risk factors
- Primary and secondary prevention approaches should be implemented

ABSTRACT

Skin cancer is disproportionately high in the youth population of the United Kingdom, as compared with other cancers, yet it is a topic which so far has received little recognition, subsequently relevant literature is relatively scarce. In the United Kingdom, malignant melanoma is now one of the commonest cancers in those aged 15-34 years. Furthermore, malignant melanoma the 7th most common cancer in men, and 5th most common cancer in women in the United Kingdom in 2013 accounting for 4% of all cancer cases in the United Kingdom. Moreover, skin cancer is currently the fastest growing cancer in the world with a five-fold increase in frequency since the 1970's resulting in disfigurement and death.

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