

How to do a Skin Self-Examination

What you need:

O1 Full-length mirror O2 Hand-held mirror

Steps:

- Use a full-length mirror in a well-lit room. Start by checking the front of your upper body including your face, lips, ears and eyes.
- Next, check your neck, shoulders, chest and abdomen.
 Women should also check under breasts.
- Using both mirrors, check behind your ears, neck and upper back. Use the comb to part your hair and check the front, back and sides of your scalp.
- Raise both of your arms and check all sides of your arms and hands including under your arms, between fingers and under fingernails.
- With a hand-held mirror, check your lower back, buttocks, backs of thighs and calves.
- Finally, check your feet including the tops, soles, toenails, toes and in between each toe.

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ASYMMETRY:

Is the mole Asymmetrical?



BORDER:

Are the Borders irregular or uneven?



COLOUR:

Are there two or more shades within the mole?



DIAMETER:

Is the mole larger than 6mm or an eraser head of the pencil?



EVOLUTION:

Has there been a change in colour, shape or size?

For more information about signs and symptoms of skin cancer, please visit

