

Periorbital basal cell carcinoma—a disease with a Janus Face

Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) is the most common cancer type worldwide, with increasing incidence due to a higher ultraviolet (UV) light exposure. The face, especially the periorbital region, is offended by sun exposure and, therefore, is most often the determinate human body region to develop BCCs. Most BCCs are treated straightforwardly and can be cured by excisional surgery. However, some BCCs are challenging to handle, and treatment options have to be adjusted to these situations. In our special series “Diagnosis and Treatment of Periorbital Basal Cell Carcinoma”, we take care of this topic within six articles and emphasize the diagnostic and therapeutic options for this cancer around the eye to help the audience improve the best care of periorbital BCCs. Specifically focus of this special series is to address the specific situation of the ocular adnexa with its function to protect the eye and facilitate the tear draining system. Also, the strategies to cure BCCs aim to spare the eyeball and its vision-giving structures like the optic nerve and others.

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