Types of Malignant Melanoma



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Superficial Spreading
Super-fish Spreading
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Most Common Cause of Melanoma
#1 Foam-finger
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Nodular
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Aggressive and Rapidly Arising
Aggressive Rapid-rabbit
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Acral-Lentiginous
Acorn-Lion-tiger
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Males
Male Sex-symbol
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Lentigo Maligna
Lion-tiger Malignant-man
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Geographic Shape

Geographic Shapes

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Sun Exposed Areas

Sun

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