



Keratoacanthoma

What is a Keratoacanthoma (KA)? This is a common lesion that usually develops rapidly (over weeks) once it first appears. Although these grow quite quickly, they do not act otherwise as skin cancers. They often occur over sun exposed areas such as the face and arms. Some consider this a variant of squamous cell carcinoma (a type of skin cancer), others consider it more of a benign growth.

Do Keratoacanthomas need to be removed? Complete removal is recommended. Removal may be with a shave removal and electrodesiccation and curettage (ED&C) which is a type of burning-scraping procedure or with surgical excision. Your provider will discuss with you the best option for you. After removal, the site should be monitored for any signs of regrowth or recurrence.