



Early Detection & Screening

Screening is highly effective for detecting problems early.

These are general guidelines. Your doctor will decide what's best for you.

- ✓ Regular skin checks
- ✓ Bowel cancer screening
- ✓ Breast cancer screening
- ✓ Cervical screening

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Biologics, including IL-17, IL-23, and TNF- α inhibitors, are well researched.^{1,2,3}

Evidence shows that biologics do not increase cancer risk.^{1,2,3}

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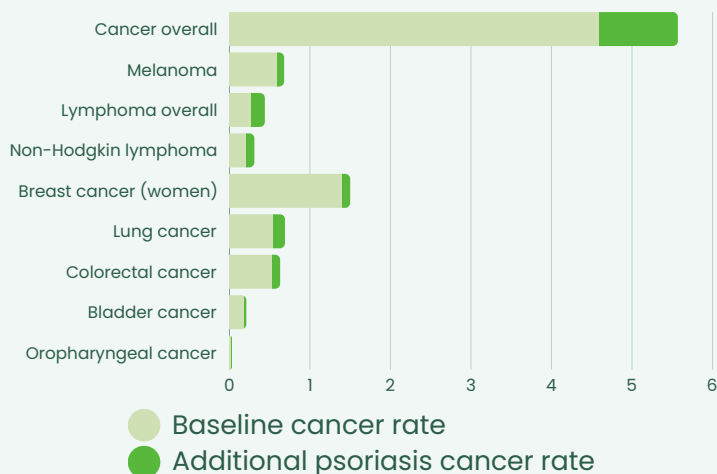


Psoriasis & Cancer

People living with psoriasis have a slightly higher chance of developing cancer compared to the general population, especially for those with severe psoriasis.¹

Reasons for this include chronic inflammation and other risk factors such as alcohol, smoking, or obesity.¹

Cancer rates per 1000 person years



This graph shows a slight increase in overall cancer risk for people with psoriasis compared with the general population. The differences for individual cancers are small but significant.



Modern Biologics

Biologics target specific parts of the immune system.

A large study from 2025 showed that biologics had less side effects than older treatments and did not increase cancer risk.³

Newer biologics appear safe in patients with psoriasis and history of having had a cancer.³



Ways to Reduce Your Risk

Here are some practical steps that everyone can take to make a difference to their overall health and cancer risk:

- 1 Limit exposures that increase cancer risk, e.g., smoking, alcohol, eating processed foods.
- 2 Prioritise lifestyle modifications, including diet and exercise.
- 3 Protect your skin from sun damage.

