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Conclusion	Researchers analyzed melanoma data from 1.5 million adults across 284 cancer registries in 59 countries. They found that men were usually older when diagnosed, and more often had melanoma that had spread or appeared in more dangerous areas of the body. Women had higher 5-year survival rates regardless of the cancer's location, stage, or age at diagnosis. The survival gap between men and women was especially large in Eastern Europe and Latin America.
What this means for the service	While women generally had more favourable cancer characteristics, the exact reasons for their survival advantage remain unclear. The study highlights the need for better awareness and early detection of melanoma, especially for older adults and in regions with low survival rates