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The objective of photodynamic therapy (PDT) for precancerous skin lesions, including actinic keratosis (solar keratosis) and Bowen's disease/squamous cell carcinoma in situ, is to destroy lesions selectively without harming the surrounding tissue. The destruction of cells within the precancerous lesion is achieved by treating each lesion with a photosensitizing compound and subsequently exposing the lesion to an appropriate light source. PDT is intended as an alternative to conventional surgical excision, cryotherapy, or other therapies for precancerous skin lesions.

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