

# Questions to Ask Your Doctor

Informed and empowered melanoma patients  
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## Diagnosis-Related Questions:

- Why do you think I have melanoma?
- Do I need a biopsy?
- When will I know the results?
- Will I have a scar from the biopsy?
- Have you checked my body for other possible lesions?
- What is my stage?
- Do I need more tests to determine my stage?
- If I need more tests, what tests are they?
- How will you determine if the cancer has spread?
- Has the cancer spread to my lymph nodes?
- What type of follow-up will I need?
- Will I develop a new melanoma?
- Should I get a second opinion?
- Do I need regular scans or a brain scan?
- Do you know what my Breslow Measurement is?

## Treatment-Related Questions:

- What are my treatment options?
- Have you tested my melanoma for genetic mutations such as the BRAF mutation? What about other mutations?
- What treatment plan do you recommend?
- Will I receive my treatment here or at another center?
- Am I a candidate for any of the recently FDA approved drugs: ipilimumab, vemurafenib, trametinib or dabrafenib?
- Would you recommend IL-2 or interferon?
- Will I be able to continue my normal daily life?
- What are the side effects of the treatment you recommend?
- What clinical trials would you recommend?
- Should I continue to see a dermatologist? How often?
- Should I get a second opinion?
- What type of follow-up care will I need?

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