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Guide to melanoma – patients and
Member

List of questions for visiting the doctor.

A. Unclear findings before biopsy: suspected melanoma

Dear readers,

The following are questions that are useful when visiting a doctor if you suspect melanoma and have not yet performed a biopsy after an unclear finding.

1. What information do you hope to gain from the biopsy?
2. What is the probability that the biopsy will lead to a diagnosis?
3. Can the diagnosis be made with other methods?
4. How is the biopsy performed?
5. Is the procedure painful? Is local or general anesthesia used?
6. How safe is the procedure?
7. Is the biopsy performed on an outpatient basis or in hospital?
8. Do you remove all or only part of the lesion and why?
9. How many samples will you take?
10. How big is the tissue sample that will be removed?
11. How long will the procedure take? Can I go about my daily activities afterwards?
12. Will I suffer pain or scarring?
13. Do I need to be sewn?
14. How should I deal with the wound site afterwards?
15. What should I do if I suspect infection?
16. What are the distinguishing features of an infection in the biopsy area?
17. Are there any complications that can occur after a biopsy? If this is the case, what should I do or contact?
18. Who will evaluate the biopsy?
19. How long will I have to wait for the result?
20. How will I be informed of the result?

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