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Guide to melanoma – patients and member

List of questions for visiting the doctor.

B. The diagnosis is confirmed: Initial diagnosis of melanoma

Dear readers,

The following are questions that are useful when visiting a doctor if you have just been diagnosed with melanoma and have not yet been narrowed down.

1. Do you know what stage melanoma is in? Is the melanoma ulcerated (ulcer-like)?
2. Was it possible to completely remove the tumor during the biopsy/surgery? Do I need an additional operation?
3. What is the probability that the tumor will reappear (recurrence)?
4. Will I need additional diagnostics to clarify the stage of melanoma, do you arrange for tumor marker analysis?
5. Are further operations necessary?
6. Do I need further treatments after surgery?
7. What are my treatment options?
8. What treatment plan do you suggest? And why are you proposing it?
9. What are the treatment goals?
10. What is my prognosis if I follow this treatment plan?
11. What follow-up examination is required?
12. What can I do to reduce the risk of getting a second melanoma?
13. How do you assess the risk that other family members will also develop melanoma?