Questions to Ask Your Doctor

MUCOSAL MELANOMA MAKES UP ONLY ABOUT 1% OF MELANOMA CASES.
ARM YOURSELF WITH KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION.

Diagnosis-Related Questions

• What is mucosal melanoma?
• How did I get mucosal melanoma?
• Do I need a biopsy? What will that consist of for this area?
• When will I know the results?
• Will I have a scar?
• Is this related to cutaneous melanoma? Should you check the rest of my skin?
• Has the melanoma spread?
• What are the stages of mucosal melanoma?
• If I need more tests, what will they be?
• 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?
• Could I develop a new melanoma?
• Should I get a second opinion?
• What type of follow-up scans will I need?
• How will this diagnosis affect my quality of life?
• What is my prognosis?

Treatment-Related Questions

• Have you tested my melanoma for genetic mutations such as the KIT, NRAS or BRAF mutation? What about other mutations?
• What are my treatment options?
• What treatment do you recommend?
• Would you recommend any of the immunotherapies or targeted therapies that have been approved over the last few years?
• Which clinical trials would you recommend?
• What will be our “Plan B” if “Plan A” doesn’t work?
• Will I receive my treatment here or at another center?
• What are the side effects of the treatment you recommend?
• Will I be able to continue my normal daily life?
• Should I continue to see a dermatologist? How often?
• What type of follow-up care will I need?