

# 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?



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