

Questions to Ask Your Doctor

PEDIATRIC MELANOMA IS ON THE RISE. HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY.

Diagnosis-Related Questions:

- What is pediatric melanoma and how did my child get it?
- What are the symptoms of pediatric melanoma?
- My child's "spot" didn't look like a mole, how can it be melanoma?
- Will my child need surgery?
- Will my child have a scar?
- What is staging and how are the stages for pediatric melanoma determined?
- Will my child need more tests to determine the stage?
- How will you determine if the cancer has spread to the lymph nodes?
- Will my child need scans? If so, what kind?
- Do we need to see a dermatologist now?
- Do I need to keep my child out of the sun?
- Should we get a second opinion?
- Do my other children have a higher chance of getting melanoma now?

Treatment-Related Questions:

- What are the treatment options?
- Will you check to see if there is lymph node involvement?
- Should the melanoma be tested for genetic mutations?
- Will my child receive treatment here or at another center?
- What are the side effects of the treatment you recommend?
- Are there clinical trials for children with melanoma?
- Will my child be able to continue with a normal life? What about attending school?
- What are the long term effects of having pediatric melanoma?
- Should my child continue to see a dermatologist? How often?
- What type of follow-up care will my child need?
- How will we know if the melanoma has come back?

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