



About the MRF Patient Forum

The MRF Patient Forum is an evolution of the Melanoma Patients Information Page (MPIP), a community started in 1994 by Jeff Patterson, who is - literally - a rocket scientist, and later hosted by the MRF for many years. The MPIP was launched in a time when the term “bulletin board” mostly meant a large piece of cork with push pins. Jeff’s commitment began when his wife’s sister was diagnosed with melanoma and he wanted a simple online resource for the family to share information and to offer support to each other. He soon realized that he had found a major unmet need and he spent thousands of hours writing code and researching online resources to provide this community for melanoma patients.

Over the years, tens of thousands of people affected by melanoma have turned to this forum for information, support, comfort and friendship. Should you become part of this community, we hope you will find a safe place to share your hopes and your fears, to ask your questions and to offer suggestions to others.

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