

# Questions to ask your doctor

## **I. Diagnosis Questions**

How was it determined that I have Stage II melanoma? Were there concerning features on the biopsy such as ulceration or a high mitotic rate?

#### **II. Treatment Questions for your Dermatologist**

Will I have a wide local excision?

Do you have a recommendation for a surgeon for SLNB?

If yes, how much experience does this surgeon have doing this procedure?

Do you have a recommendation for a medical oncologist?

Are you concerned with any other moles or lesions on my body?

### **III. Treatment Questions for your Oncologist**

What treatment plan do you recommend? Why? Should I consider adjuvant immunotherapy? What are the side effects of this treatment? Will the treatment affect my ability to work? Should I get a second opinion? What type of follow-up will I need? What is my prognosis?

#### **IV. Clinical Trials**

What are clinical trials? Should I consider enrolling in a clinical trial? Why or why not?

#### IV. Additional Questions

How often should I perform a skin self exam?

How often should I go for a skin exam?

What are the chances of my melanoma recurring?

What are the chances of developing a new melanoma?

What can I do to reduce my risk of developing another melanoma?

What is the risk of my family members developing melanoma?

