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?