



questions to ask your doctor



I. Diagnosis Questions

How was it determined that I have Stage I melanoma?

Were there concerning features on the biopsy such as ulceration or a high mitotic rate?

II. Treatment Questions

Will I have a wide local excision?

Do you recommend I have a sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLNB)? Why or why not?

If I need a SLNB, do you have a recommendation for a surgeon?

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

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

What is my prognosis?

What type of follow-up will I need?

III. Additional Questions

How often should I go for a skin exam?

What are the chances of my melanoma recurring?

What are the chances of my 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?