

Pathfinder series: Melanoma

Websites

Melanoma network of Canada <http://www.melanomanetwork.ca/>

MNC is a national patient-led organization with the mission to provide melanoma patients and their caregivers with current and accurate information and services in the fight against melanoma. Includes questions to ask your doctor, understanding the pathology report, links to other useful sites and resources, a discussion forum and much more.

Aim at Melanoma

http://www.aimatmelanoma.org/en/index.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cp&utm_term=melanoma&utm_campaign=Paid+Search&gclid=CPbc29SYwL4CFZSMMgo_dOCMACw

Melanoma Center is a very comprehensive resource for melanoma information and research. Details on diagnosis, staging and development of melanoma are included, as is treatment information, side effect management, a "life after treatment" section, and a good list of links for more information.

Melanoma Patients' Information Page <http://www.mpip.org/index.html>


This site has excellent information about melanoma, but its main purpose is to link melanoma patients together. Through the use of discussion boards and chat forums, patients and caregivers can discuss melanoma-related information, ask questions and get support. There is a good news section, with current articles and links to studies, and much more.

National Cancer Institute: Melanoma

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/melanoma>

Topics covered in this highly-regarded website include treatment information, causes, prevention and genetics information, how to interpret lab tests, melanoma articles in cancer literature and information about current melanoma research. Most information is written for patients, although some is geared toward health care professionals. Overall, a lot of very good information on the subject of melanoma.

Books available from Central library, St. Catharines:



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Melanoma : prevention, detection, and treatment / Catherine M. Poole with DuPont Guerry, IV ; drawings by David Low, by Poole, Catherine M. Yale University, Pub. date: c2005, Call No.: 616.99477 Poo

This guide provides detailed information for patients and their families, to help them understand melanoma and its treatment. Excellent for newly-diagnosed patients. It is also an important resource for those who want information about preventing the disease or early detection.



100 questions & answers about melanoma and other skin cancers / Edward F. McClay, Mary-Eileen T. McClay, Jodie Smith. Jones and Bartlett, Pub. date: 2003, Call No.: 616.99477 McC

Written by two skin healthcare professionals and a melanoma survivor, this book provides both the doctor's and the patient's view of melanoma. It offers authoritative, practical answers to questions about treatment options, post-treatment quality of life, and includes resources for other sources of support and information.

Books/videos they may be able to help you find:

What you really need to know about moles and melanoma / Jill R. Schofield

This book is written with the goal of helping people better understand melanoma. The authors provide information on prevention, diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, and follow-up care.

e-Books

Understanding melanoma: a starting point for people in their journey with melanoma

http://www.melanomapatients.org.au/wp-content/uploads/pdf/MPA%20A%20Guide%20to%20Melanoma_proof%2023072012%20FINAL.pdf

This publication from the Australian Cancer Council is a nice booklet with a good overview of melanoma diagnosis, staging treatment and more. A list of links is provided at the end of the booklet, for further research and more information.

What you need to know about melanoma and other skin cancers

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/wyntk/skin.pdf>

This booklet is from the National Cancer Institute and deals with the diagnosis, treatment options, what to expect from treatment (including side effects of treatment) and much more. A glossary of terms is included at the end of the booklet, which helps patients understand some of the terms that are used in diagnosis, staging, and throughout their treatment.