### What Is Advanced Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer?

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### Advanced Skin Cancer Staging Considerations Include:
- The size of the tumor and whether it has spread deeply into the tissue.
- Whether the cancer has spread to nearby lymph nodes (stage III).
- If the cancer has spread beyond the lymph nodes to distant parts of the body (stage IV).

### Current Treatment Approaches:
- Surgery
- Radiation
- Chemotherapy
- Immunotherapy
- Targeted Therapy

### Treatment Considerations Include:
- A patient’s age and overall health.
- Existing medical conditions and comorbidities.
- Potential treatment side effects.
- A patient’s preference.

### Glossary Terms

- **Basal Cell Carcinoma**: A skin cancer that forms in the outer layer of the skin. It is the most common form of skin cancer and rarely spreads to other parts of the body.

- **Hedgehog Inhibitors**: Drugs that target a protein in the hedgehog pathway.

- **Immunotherapy**: Type of therapy that harnesses one’s own immune system to help the body fight cancer, infection, and other diseases.

- **Lymph Nodes**: Small glands in the body that contain white blood cells (lymphocytes) that help fight infection and disease.

- **Melanoma**: A rare form of skin cancer that develops in the melanocytes, which are skin cells that produce pigment. It is curable if detected early.

- **Squamous Cell Carcinoma**: A skin cancer that forms in squamous cells, which are cells that form the surface of the skin. It is highly treatable but more likely to spread than basal cell carcinoma.

- **Targeted Therapy**: Targets the cancer’s specific genes, proteins, or tissue.

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