

# ADVANCED NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER: WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TREATMENT AND RESEARCH?



Program Resource Guide

Skin Cancer Staging Considerations	Benefits of Clinical Trial Participation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The size of the tumor and whether it has spread deeply into the tissue.</li> <li>▪ Whether the cancer has spread to nearby lymph nodes.</li> <li>▪ If the cancer has spread beyond the lymph nodes to distant parts of the body.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to the latest treatment.</li> <li>▪ Expanded healthcare team.</li> <li>▪ More thorough review of your health.</li> <li>▪ Additional support resources.</li> </ul>
Main Types of Skin Cancer	How to Stay Up-to-Date on Research
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basal cell carcinoma</li> <li>▪ Squamous cell carcinoma</li> <li>▪ Merkel cell cancer</li> <li>▪ Melanoma</li> </ul> <p><b>Basal and squamous cell skin cancer</b> are the most common types of skin cancer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review the <a href="#">NCCN guidelines</a>.</li> <li>▪ Find a provider who is up-to-date on research.</li> <li>▪ Seek out information from well-trusted sources and discuss the information with your provider.</li> <li>▪ Ask if there is a role for emerging treatments in your care.</li> <li>▪ Don't be afraid of asking questions.</li> </ul>
Glossary Terms	
<p><b>Basal Cell Carcinoma:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Immunotherapy:</b> Type of therapy that harnesses one's own immune system to help the body fight cancer, infection, and other diseases.</p> <p><b>Oncolytic Virus:</b> A cancer-killing virus known as RP1, which has demonstrated anti-cancer effects in high-risk, advanced transplant-associated skin cancers.</p> <p><b>PD-1 Inhibitors:</b> Drugs that block the PD-1 protein and can help boost the immune response to fight against the cancer.</p> <p><b>Social Determinants of Health (SDOH):</b> Patient factors that are non-medical in nature and influence their health outcomes.</p> <p><b>Squamous Cell Carcinoma:</b> 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.</p>	
Educational Support and Resources	Treatment Considerations Include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CancerGRACE: <a href="http://cancergrace.org">cancergrace.org</a></li> <li>▪ Cure: <a href="http://curetoday.com">curetoday.com</a></li> <li>▪ Save Your Skin Foundation: <a href="http://saveyourskin.ca">saveyourskin.ca</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A patient's age and overall health.</li> <li>▪ Existing medical conditions and comorbidities.</li> <li>▪ Potential treatment side effects.</li> <li>▪ A patient's preference.</li> </ul>

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