### Skin Cancer Staging Considerations
- The size of the tumor and whether it has spread deeply into the tissue.
- Whether the cancer has spread to nearby lymph nodes.
- If the cancer has spread beyond the lymph nodes to distant parts of the body.

### Benefits of Clinical Trial Participation
- Access to the latest treatment.
- Expanded healthcare team.
- More thorough review of your health.
- Additional support resources.

### Main Types of Skin Cancer
- Basal cell carcinoma
- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Merkel cell cancer
- Melanoma

**Basal and squamous cell skin cancer** are the most common types of skin cancer.

### How to Stay Up-to-Date on Research
- Review the [NCCN guidelines](#).
- Find a provider who is up-to-date on research.
- Seek out information from well-trusted sources and discuss the information with your provider.
- Ask if there is a role for emerging treatments in your care.
- Don’t be afraid of asking questions.

### 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.
- **Immunotherapy**: Type of therapy that harnesses one’s own immune system to help the body fight cancer, infection, and other diseases.
- **Oncolytic Virus**: A cancer-killing virus known as RP1, which has demonstrated anti-cancer effects in high-risk, advanced transplant-associated skin cancers.
- **PD-1 Inhibitors**: Drugs that block the PD-1 protein and can help boost the immune response to fight against the cancer.
- **Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)**: Patient factors that are non-medical in nature and influence their health outcomes.
- **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.

### Educational Support and Resources
- CancerGRACE: cancergrace.org
- Cure: curetoday.com
- Save Your Skin Foundation: saveyourskin.ca

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

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