

## Question checklist for skin cancer

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Asking your doctor questions will help you make an informed choice. You may want to include some of the questions below in your own list.

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### Diagnosis

- What is this spot on my skin?
  - Will I need a biopsy or excision?
  - What is my biopsy result? Do I have skin cancer?
  - What type of skin cancer is it?
  - Did the biopsy or excision remove all the skin cancer?
  - Are there clinical guidelines for this type of cancer?
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### Treatment

- What treatment will I have?
  - Will I need further treatment or follow-up? If so, what do you recommend?
  - Do I need to see a dermatologist or surgeon?
  - I'm thinking of getting a second opinion. Can you recommend anyone?
  - How long will treatment take?
  - If I don't have the treatment, what should I expect?
  - Are there any out-of-pocket expenses not covered by Medicare or my private health cover?  
Can the cost be reduced if I can't afford it?
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### Side effects

- Will I have a lot of pain? What will be done about this?
  - Can I work, drive and do my normal activities while having treatment?
  - Will there be any scarring after the skin cancer has been removed?
  - When will I get my results and who will tell me?
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### After treatment

- Is this skin cancer likely to come back?
  - How often should I get my skin checked?
  - Where can I go for follow-up skin checks?
  - Will I need any further tests after treatment is finished?
  - How can I prevent further skin cancers?
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### My questions

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