INTRODUCTION
The purpose of this guide is to help patients and families find sources of information and support. This list is meant to provide links to authoritative, up-to-date information sources for patients, families, and caregivers.

The materials in this guide can be found at the Patient Education Resource Center (PERC) in the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, room B1-361.

Brochures

- American Cancer Society. Why You Should Know About Melanoma.

Books


- Poole, Catherine M. Melanoma: Prevention, Detection and Treatment. 2nd Ed. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2005.

Audiovisual Resources
- Patient Education Institute. Melanoma Interactive Tutorial at Medlineplus.gov
  - Access at: http://www.medlineplus.gov
  - Click on: “Interactive Tutorials” and select from a list.

A slide show with voice-over and graphics explain the anatomy and treatment options for colon and rectal cancer.

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Web Resources

- **All About Skin Cancer - Melanoma**
  
  → Go to the American Cancer Society site at: [http://www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)
  
  → Click on: "Choose a cancer topic"
  
  → Select: "Skin Cancer - Melanoma" from the list and click "Go"

- **MelanomaCenter** [http://www.melanomacenter.org](http://www.melanomacenter.org)
  
  This site offers information and resources to help understand melanoma and its prevention, diagnosis, staging and treatment, symptom management, and where to turn for support. Includes an interactive staging tool and a clinical trials database.

- **Melanoma Home Page on cancer.gov**
  
  → Go to the National Cancer Institute site at: [http://www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)
  
  → Click on: "Cancer Information"
  
  → Click on: "Types of Cancer"
  
  → Under "Common Cancers" select "Melanoma"

- **Melanoma International Foundation** [http://melanomaintl.org](http://melanomaintl.org)
  
  The Melanoma International Foundation is a patient support organization. The site has detailed information about melanoma and about programs for patients and families.

- **SkinCancerNet** [http://www.skincarephysicians.com/skincancernet/](http://www.skincarephysicians.com/skincancernet/)
  
  A comprehensive resource on melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer provided by the American Academy of Dermatology. The site includes articles that provide more in-depth information about skin cancer.

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The Skin Cancer Foundation Melanoma Section
http://www.skincancer.org/melanoma/
Information on diagnosis and treatment of melanoma, including a section on developing a positive outlook

Email Groups (Listservs)
- MEL-L is an email discussion group for melanoma patients and families, hosted by the Association of Cancer Online Resources ACOR (http://www.acor.org). To subscribe go to: http://listserv.acor.org/archives/melanoma.html

Organizations
- Melanoma International Foundation http://melanomaintl.org
  Tel: 866-463-6663