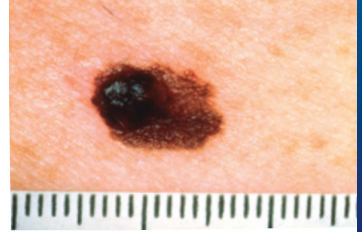


Dermatology Recommendations

Melanoma is a rare form of skin cancer that makes up only 1 percent of all skin cancers. However, it is a particularly aggressive cancer, which is why it is important to recognize symptoms and know your personal risk for melanoma.



A mutation in the *BRCA2* gene is associated with an increased lifetime risk of developing melanoma. There is no associated risk with a mutation in the *BRCA1* gene.

Patients with a *BRCA2* gene mutation and/or a first-degree relative (parent, sibling, child) with a history of melanoma or even non-melanoma skin conditions are advised to see a dermatologist to:

- Have a skin check exam
- Initiate annual screening

During a skin check exam, a dermatologist uses a dermatoscope to examine the skin, section by section. If suspicious lesions are detected, we monitor with photographs or perform a biopsy if indicated.

We will develop a personalized screening program for you based on your risk factors and medical history.

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Dermatology Recommendations (cont.)

Mount Sinai's Comprehensive BRCA Program for men and women who have mutations in the *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* gene provides expert guidance to ensure that you receive appropriate cancer screenings, monitoring, and treatment, as needed.



For information and appointments, call 877-309-BRCA (2722).

www.mountsinai.org/care/cancer/about/brca-program

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