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Team-focused, multidisciplinary approach. 
Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer. Melanoma is the most aggressive form of skin cancer. Our Melanoma Program offers quick access to the highest level of care for early and advanced stage melanoma.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE MANAGEMENT
Our multidisciplinary team has expertise in all aspects of melanoma cancer care, including prevention, next-generation treatment options, and clinical trials.

MELANOMA CLINIC
In your first appointment, you will meet with a melanoma surgeon. Depending on the stage of your cancer, you may be seen in our Melanoma Clinic by a team of specialists, including surgery, medical oncology, research and others. Together, the team will design a personalized treatment plan for you.

MELANOMA NURSE NAVIGATOR
Our melanoma cancer nurse navigator supports patients and their families. The navigator helps guide patients on a one-to-one basis along the path from diagnosis through treatment. She serves as the point person for the melanoma team reviewing the patient’s history and also makes appropriate appointments based on the patient’s needs and treatment plans.

TARGETED RADIATION THERAPY
Our radiation oncology team utilizes the most advanced technology available today allowing us to treat the melanoma cancer without damaging the tissue around it. Plaque brachytherapy is a new procedure for patients who have ocular melanoma or melanoma cancer in the eye. This procedure involves placing radioactive seeds into the affected area of the eye. Radiation is released gradually over several days to the specific targeted area. The therapy is relatively painless and is more effective at treating the tumor and minimizing eyesight damage compared to the traditional external beam therapy.

SURGERY
Videoscopic lymphadenectomy is a minimally invasive procedure to treat melanoma that has spread to lymph nodes in the groin area. This procedure offers several benefits over traditional invasive surgical therapy, from reducing the risk of infection to recovery time. Typically, your stay in the hospital will be less than a day, which is far less time than a traditional procedure. Since this procedure is performed laparoscopically, scars are smaller and less visible.

Plastic surgery: Depending on the location of the melanoma, plastic surgery may be something patients would want to consider. Our physicians work together with our plastic surgeons to ensure the best cosmetic outcome.

IMMUNOTHERAPY
Immunotherapy is a treatment option that stimulates the body’s autoimmune system to attack cancer cells.

RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS
As one of the largest research programs in Indiana, we participate in research studies and clinical trials for cancer medications, treatments and procedures specific to melanoma cancer, so that our patients have access to the newest drugs and therapies.

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