

# Margin of Resection Recommendations for Skin Cancers

- **Melanoma**

- in-situ lesions -- .3-.5 cm margins
- <1.0 mm -- 1 cm margins (consider sentinel node biopsy)
- 1.1-2.0 mm -- 1-2 cm margins (sentinel node biopsy)
- 2.1-4.0 mm -- 2 cm margins (sentinel node biopsy/lymph node dissection)
- > 4.0 mm -- 2 cm margins (sentinel node biopsy/lymph node dissection)

- **Squamous Cell Carcinoma**

- Squamous cell carcinomas that are between 4-8 mm in depth or that exhibit deep dermal invasion should undergo surgical excision
  - 4 mm surgical margin for lesions with the following characteristics
    - < 2 cm in size
    - Low-risk location
    - Depth of invasion - dermis
  - 6 mm surgical margins for lesions with the following characteristics
    - > 2 cm in size
    - depth of invasion includes subcutaneous tissue
    - high-risk anatomic location

- **Basal Cell Carcinoma**

- 4 mm margin resection