The purpose of this guide is to help you find information and support on merkel cell carcinoma. This guide provides links and references to reliable and current information sources for patients, families, and caregivers.

Many of the materials in this guide can be found at the Patient Education Resource Center (PERC) in the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Level B2.

**Books**

- McClay, Edward; McClay, Mary-Eileen T.; Smith, Jodie. **100 Questions & Answers about Melanoma and Other Skin Cancers.** Boston, MA: Jones and Bartlett, 2004.

**Web Resources**

- **American Cancer Society – Skin Cancer: Merkel Cell Carcinoma**
  [http://cancer.org](http://cancer.org)
  o Click “Learn About Cancer”
  o Select “Skin Cancer - Merkel Cell” from the drop-down under “Select a Cancer Type”
  o Click “Go”
  This overview includes a description of Merkel Cell Carcinoma and its treatment.

- **Cancer Support Community – section on Merkel Cell**
  [http://cancersupportcommunity.org](http://cancersupportcommunity.org)
  o Under “About Cancer”, select “Types of Cancer”
  o Select “Merkel Cell”
  Includes information on diagnosis, stages, treatment, and side effects.

- **Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC)**
  [http://merkelcell.org](http://merkelcell.org)
  A site for patients, families, and professionals with news and information about merkel cell carcinoma.

- **National Cancer Institute – section on Merkel Cell Carcinoma (PDQ)**
  [http://cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/treatment/merkelcell/Patient](http://cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/treatment/merkelcell/Patient)
  Provides information on the treatment of merkel cell carcinoma.

- **Skin Cancer Foundation – section on Merkel Cell Carcinoma**
  [http://skincancer.org/skin-cancer-information/merkel](http://skincancer.org/skin-cancer-information/merkel)
  Provides information on risk factors as well as diagnosis and treatment information.
University of Michigan Resources

• University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Multidisciplinary Merkel Cell Carcinoma Clinic
http://mcancer.org/skin-cancer/merkel-cell
One of the first and still one of the few multidisciplinary programs created solely to treat merkel cell carcinoma.

Organizations

• Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC)
http://merkelcell.org
As well as offering information for patients, MCC also hosts an online support and discussion group. Join the group at:
http://merkelcell.org/documents/googlegroup.htm