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.
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).

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