

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Treating Melanoma

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
Svetomir Markovic, M.D.	INVASIVE AND AGGRESSIVE, MELANOMA MAKES UP ONLY ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF ALL SKIN CANCERS. YET IT ACCOUNTS FOR 90 PERCENT OF SKIN CANCER DEATHS. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT CAN'T BE TREATED.
	"TREATMENT IS ESSENTIALLY DIVIDED INTO FOUR DIFFERENT STRATEGIES."
	ACCORDING TO DR. SVETOMIR MARKOVIC, A MAYO CLINIC ONCOLOGIST, THOSE ARE SURGERY, RADIATION CHEMOTHERAPY AND SOMETHING CALLED IMMUNOLOGIC THERAPY.

Dr. Markovic	“THE IDEA IS TO BOOST THE BODY’S OWN IMMUNE DEFENSES AND DESTROY THE TUMOR. THIS IMMUNITY TRACKS THROUGHOUT THE BODY AND ESSENTIALLY DESTROYS THE TUMOR WHERE EVER IT MAY BE HIDING.”
	WHICH TREATMENT OR TREATMENTS ARE USED DEPENDS ON HOW ADVANCED THE CANCER IS. THAT’S WHY CATCHING IT EARLY IS SO IMPORTANT. SO IF YOU HAVE A NEW MOLE OR CHANGES TO AN OLD ONE, GET IT CHECKED OUT.
Dr. Markovic	“YOU COULD BE CURED VERSUS DEAD... WITH A SIMPLE PROCEDURE”
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.