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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.
**eFigure 1. Survey Instrument**

Our goal is to understand how patients such as you would like to learn about your skin biopsy results. In the first section, there will be a few questions about your background information, and in the second section, there will be four questions about your preferences and why. Thank you for helping us improve communication between doctors and patients!

First, please let us know if:

- [ ] You are here to get your suspicious skin spot(s) checked out by a doctor.
- [ ] You are here to learn about your skin biopsy results.
- [ ] You are here to follow up on a melanoma or an atypical nevus that has been diagnosed by a doctor.

### SECTION 1: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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| Sex (check one) | Male
| | Female
| | Male to Female
| | Female to Male
| Ethnicity (check as many as apply) | Hispanic or Latino (Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin)
| | American Indian or Alaska Native
| | Asian
| | Black or African American
| | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
| | White |
| Highest education level | ☐ Not completed high school
| | ☐ High school
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<td>How far do you live from the skin clinic? (in miles)</td>
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| Have you had melanoma in the past? | ☐ Yes
| | ☐ No |
| Do you have at least one family member who has had melanoma in the past? | ☐ Yes
| | ☐ No |

### SECTION 2: SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

For the following four questions, please put your preference numbers in the boxes next to the answers with:

1 = most preferred

7 = least preferred

1. Once the results of your skin biopsies are known by your doctor, how would you prefer to learn about those results?

☐ Speaking with my doctor by phone

☐ Face-to-face visit with my doctor

☐ Voice message from my doctor

☐ a secure message from my doctor via UCSF MyChart/MyPennMedicine/Duke MyChart

☐ Email

☐ Text message

☐ Private tweet  

*(For all of these options, assume that a phone # is*
2. Why do you prefer the above method?

- ☐ I want to meet and speak with my doctor to receive those results and will do whatever it takes to get the results in person.
- ☐ I want to learn about the results in the fastest way possible.
- ☐ I wish I could get the results in person, but I live too far away from the clinic.
- ☐ I could drive to the clinic or receive a phone call, but I prefer to access my medical information electronically.

☐ Other (please explain):
3. Do you prefer to learn about the results **differently** if they are normal as opposed to positive for cancer?  
- **Yes**  
- **No**

4. If you said “yes” to Question 3, what do you prefer in each situation?

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This is the end of the survey. Please give this form to your doctor or to the front desk. Once again, thank you so much for helping us improve the way we care for our patients!
eFigure 2. Patient Preferences for Communicating Skin Biopsy Results Stratified by Age

![Graph showing patient preferences for communicating skin biopsy results stratified by age.](image)

- 18-35 years
- 36-60 years
- 61-90 years

eFigure 3. Patient Preferences for Communicating Skin Biopsy Results Stratified by Education

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- No High School
- High School
- College
- Graduate

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