

# GET INVOLVED WITH THE UW DERMATOLOGY MERKEL TEAM

Thank you for your interest in Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) research at UW Medicine! Your generous support helps our researchers and clinicians provide better care to patients with MCC. Here are some more ways you can get involved.

## FOLLOW OUR NEWS AND UPDATES

Visit us online at [merkelcell.org](http://merkelcell.org) for news, publications and updates on MCC research and treatment. This resource is designed to facilitate the key therapeutic decisions that patients need to make within the first weeks or months of an initial diagnosis of MCC. We offer our review of the best available literature and our experience caring for over 1,000 patients with MCC.

## SUPPORT MCC RESEARCH

Your gift of any size makes a big impact on research and patient care. Philanthropic support helps to fund salaries for undergraduates, clinical research fellows and research scientists. And our donor-supported website offers information and resources for newly diagnosed patients and their physicians immediately after diagnosis — the most critical time.

Your impactful support allows us to advance several important goals:

- Educating new Merkel cell carcinoma patients and their physicians about how to best manage this serious and uncommon disease
- Understanding why some MCC patients do not benefit from immune therapy and how to help them
- Using the Merkel virus blood test to monitor disease status and detect recurrences earlier

If you'd like to support MCC research, please visit [merkelcell.org/join-the-fight/](http://merkelcell.org/join-the-fight/) or contact Christine Chan Anderson at [ccanders@uw.edu](mailto:ccanders@uw.edu).

## JOIN A PATIENT-LED MCC SUPPORT GROUP

Merkel cell carcinoma patients have created a robust online discussion/support group with several hundred active members. All MCC patients, family members and caregivers are eligible to join this group. Support group members are not healthcare professionals and do not offer medical advice, but they can provide valuable support during your or your loved one's battle against MCC.

You can join the support group at [groups.google.com/group/merkelcell](https://groups.google.com/group/merkelcell).