

GET INVOLVED WITH THE UW DERMATOLOGY MERKEL TEAM

Thank you for your interest in Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) research at the University of Washington! Your partnership helps our researchers and clinicians provide better care to patients with MCC. Here are some ways you can get involved.



FOLLOW OUR NEWS AND UPDATES

Visit us online at merkelcell.org or sign up for our newsletter at merkelcell.org/newsletter-signup for news, publications and updates on MCC research and treatment (once per month). These resources are designed to facilitate key therapeutic decisions that patients 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.

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. Contact the Support Group administrator at merkelcellcancer@gmail.com to join the group or to get more information.

SUPPORT MCC RESEARCH

Patients will often generously donate their blood, tumor tissue, and time to support MCC research as well as provide advice to other patients. In addition, a financial gift of any size will have a significant impact on research and patient care. Philanthropic support helps to fund salaries for undergraduates, clinical research fellows and research scientists. Our donor-supported website offers information and resources for newly diagnosed patients and their physicians at the critical time immediately after diagnosis.

Your impactful support allows us to advance several important goals:

- Educating new MCC 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 antibody test to monitor disease status and detect recurrences earlier

If you'd like to support MCC research, please visit merkelcell.org/join-the-fight

