

The Melanoma Foundation of New England

is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose goal is to reduce the incidence of melanoma in New England while working to increase public awareness of sun-safe behavior, and establish support groups for melanoma patients and their friends and families.

The Foundation is affiliated with the following organizations:

Massachusetts Skin Cancer
Prevention Collaborative

Department of Public Health
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

National Council on
Skin Cancer Prevention
Washington, DC

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Melanoma Support Groups



Support programs for melanoma patients
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1. The Purpose of Support

The Melanoma Foundation of New England offers support groups for patients dealing with the realities of melanoma. By coming together with others,



patients can reduce the feelings of isolation that often accompany a diagnosis of melanoma by providing opportunities to talk with others with the same illness. From time to

time educational programs about melanoma are also provided. We believe that by participating in support groups, educational programs, and other programs, patients can gain self-confidence and develop coping skills to help them deal with their illness regardless of the stage.

The Melanoma Foundation of New England works with many organizations that provide an array of support services for patients and their families including health and wellness programs, education, and relaxation and stress management programs.

2. Melanoma Support Groups

Melanoma support groups are offered in multiple locations for patients with melanoma. The groups are led by trained professionals skilled in working with cancer patients. We also assist with support for the families and friends of melanoma patients. There is no charge for these support groups. For a list of all of our groups please visit our website at www.mfne.org or contact us at 800-557-6352.



3. Electronic Alternatives

We recognize that some people who are dealing with the realities of melanoma may either be not interested in, or unable to attend, a support group at one of our locations. To help provide these people with an outlet for discussion, we host an on-line support group. The group meets at a designated time and only requires a log-in from your computer. In addition, a chat room is provided on our website. You can learn more about each of these options by calling us at 800-557-6352 or by visiting our website at www.mfne.org.



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The Melanoma Foundation of New England is comprised of melanoma patients, families and friends of patients, and health care professionals, all dedicated to eliminating this disease through research and behavior modification. Founded in 1999 by Mel and Marilyn Rubin and a group of friends and associates with personal and professional interests in preventing and combating the rising rate of melanoma, the mission of the Foundation is to save lives by working to reduce the incidence of melanoma. We focus our work on:

- Public awareness campaigns for sun-protection
- Assistance for those struggling with melanoma through a statewide support group network
- Support for educational research to help facilitate behavior change

