

## Guideline

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The treatment options for Merkel cell carcinoma patients have changed rapidly over the past decade and continue to evolve. The Australian Melanoma and Skin Cancer (MASC) clinical trials cooperative is currently conducting a number of clinical trials for Merkel cell carcinoma patients. The Australian Merkel Cell Carcinoma interest group (AMIGOs) are concerned that some Merkel cell carcinoma patients may not be receiving optimal care and may not be given an opportunity to participate in clinical trials.

To assist clinicians who may not be aware of new treatment options for Merkel cell carcinoma patients and ensure patients receive optimal care, we request that pathologists include a comment/statement in Merkel cell carcinoma pathology reports:

***'Patients diagnosed with Merkel cell carcinoma should ideally be managed in the context of a multidisciplinary team meeting.'***