Hi, my name is Kelly Olino. I’m a surgical oncologist, and at the Yale Cancer Center I treat patients with advanced skin cancers including melanoma and Merkel cell carcinomas, and in addition to that I’m also an expert in the treatment of sarcoma. We’re very fortunate that we really have a wonderful team approach from the minute patient picks up the phone, the person that they speak to on the other end really enables for us to have a seamless transition from their first.
Appointment to the clinic visit.
We have a multidisciplinary group of people that includes surgeons like myself, plastic surgery, dermatology as well as medical oncology which really allows for both our skin cancer patients and our sarcoma patients to really have one stop access to all of their providers and for it to really be a very cohesive and seamless experience. Patients should always feel free to bring lists of questions. And concerns, because, again, there’s so much information via the Internet and social media.
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effects while increasing the number of people who respond. For example, work that we’ve done and successfully taken from the laboratory now to the clinic has focused on a new target known as CD 40, and that actually led to us enabling to open a clinical trial which is now under active investigation, which really was the culmination. Of this seamless teamwork that I alluded to earlier, where patients have the benefit of us going from the bench to the bedside and then back to the bench to try
and improve upon our treatments.