

## That Melanoma Thing

Last week I got my semi-annual dermatology assessment. Dr. Konheim froze several pre cancerous spots and said he needed to biopsy several spots on my forehead and one on my back. He called several days later to say that the biopsy of the spot on my back was melanoma and that it need needed to be removed quickly. (Several years ago I had the same issue in my neck). The next day I received a call from the surgery office at University Hospital saying I should come in the next day for surgery. (That gets your attention!) I expected to have a two inch incision but got a six+ inch one instead! Fifty-two stitches, twelve inside... and it was it over.

I've included a picture for your inspection. I'm eighty-two and never knew I had so many freckles on my back! No lifting, pushing, pulling, exercise or golf for two weeks... but then again I don't have that melanoma any longer. Growing older ain't for sissies!

PS Dr. Pardo's (the surgeon) office called



six days later to advise me that the melanoma was contained within the margins of the surgery and there would be no more treatment required. Great news!

September 2017