

# Nivolumab, contact immunotx treats in-transit melanoma

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(HealthDay)—Nivolumab in combination with contact immunotherapy

can successfully treat in-transit melanoma, according to two case reports published online Dec. 12 in the *Journal of Dermatology*.

Taku Fujimura, M.D., Ph.D., from the Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine in Sendai, Japan, and colleagues describe two cases of [metastatic melanoma](#) successfully treated with nivolumab in combination with contact immunotherapy.

Firstly, the authors describe the case of a 68-year-old man with multiple nodules and prominent lymph edema on his left foot. He was diagnosed with in-transit [melanoma](#). The patient was administered squaric acid dibutylester every two weeks. Three months after administration, focal vitiligo developed around the in-transit metastases, and nivolumab was administered. Almost all the in-transit metastasis was diminished with prominent vitiligo at six months after nivolumab administration. The second patient was an 83-year-old woman with multiple nodules and edema on her left lower extremities. She was also diagnosed with in-transit melanoma, and was topically administered diphenacyprone every two weeks. Two months later, extensive vitiligo developed in the lower left extremities and nivolumab was administered. Almost all in-transit metastasis had diminished with prominent vitiligo at six months after nivolumab administration.

"Our present cases suggested a possible therapy for metastatic melanoma using nivolumab in combination with contact immunotherapy," the authors write.

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