Since your initial diagnosis of conjunctival melanoma, research has shown that there are special mutations (changes in DNA) that can occur in the cancer cells. If these mutations are detected, there are certain medications that can be used in the treatment of metastasis (spread to other places in the body).

We are asking your permission to send your tumor specimen to a lab to look for these mutations. Knowing these mutations can also help if you possibly develop metastasis as we could be prepared with appropriate medications that work specifically against known mutations, providing targeted therapy to control the melanoma. Your medical doctor or oncologist will be forwarded the results.

Attached is a permission slip for you to sign and return via:

Fax:
(215) 928-1140

Email:
info@shields.md

Mail:
840 Walnut Street, Suite 1440
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Sincerely Yours,

The Ocular Oncology Service
I, __________________________, hereby agree to have testing performed on the specimen removed at the time of surgery for the presence of biomarkers.

I, __________________________, hereby decline to have testing performed on the specimen removed at the time of surgery for the presence of biomarkers.

Print Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________

Patient’s Date of Birth: __________________________ Date Signed: __________________________