

## ***Breakthrough Treatment for Advanced Melanoma***

***A breakthrough in the treatment of advanced malignant melanoma in individuals who already had taken other treatments was reported at the 2010 annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). A new drug, a monoclonal antibody that boosts the patient's immune system to fight melanoma, produced a 67% improvement in overall survival compared to those who just took standard treatment. This is the first report of improved survival for any treatment in this group of far advanced patients, but it comes at a cost of substantial toxicity.***

***(Reference : ASCO 2010 Annual Meeting: Abstract 4***

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