**Standard 5.5: Wide Local Excision for Primary Cutaneous Melanoma**

**Operation**

- **Wide local excision for primary cutaneous melanoma** (excluding mucosal, ocular, and subungual melanomas)

  - **Depth of excision**
    - **Invasive**: skin + all underlying subcutaneous tissue down to the fascia
    - **Melanoma in situ**: skin + superficial subcutaneous fat

**Documentation**

- Select **clinical margin width** based on original Breslow thickness

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<th>Breslow thickness</th>
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- **Required elements/responses in synoptic format**
  - Curative intent
  - Original Breslow thickness of the lesion
  - Clinical margin width (measured from edge of lesion or prior excision scar)
  - Depth of excision

**Timeline**

- **2022**: Document final plan for implementation
- **2023**: Standard 5.5 takes full effect
- **2024**: Site visits begin reviewing synoptic operative reports