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- A significantly higher percentage of patients who initially responded to treatment with topical steroids, and who were subsequently treated with three applications each week, were still in remission 12 weeks after clearing vs those patients given placebo in the maintenance phase.

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- Thirty of 103 patients with thin malignant melanomas (<0.76 mm) showed partial regression. Seven of these 30 patients showed regression greater than 77%. Six of these seven patients developed metastasis and died. None of the remaining 96 patients died.

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- Comparison between Hispanic and Anglo patients revealed that the frequency of melanoma in Hispanics is about one sixth that in Anglos. A larger proportion occur on palms, soles, subungual regions, and mucous membranes, and the lesions are more advanced in stage at the time of diagnosis and have a poorer prognosis.

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