

New Targeted Melanoma Drug Approved.

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The FDA approved vemurafenib (ZELBORAF®), for the treatment of advanced melanoma. The drug can only be used to treat patients whose cancers have mutations in the BRAF gene. For those patients, vemurafenib has been shown to be more effective than existing treatments. The drug is given as a pill.

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