



My name is Aisling Moore. I have two amazing little kids. November 12th 2015 my life changed forever. I went to My GP in April 2014 with a mole that I had on my back. I waited nearly a year and a half for the appointment. I never queried why I had not received an appointment sooner because I never once thought the mole was a big deal never mind the fact that it was the deadliest form of skin cancer growing on my back. I had the mole removed in October and on the 12th of November I was told " your results came back melanoma". I looked at the dermatologist and said okay, as she continued speaking I suddenly realised this is serious. My mind went blank. I had to see a plastic surgeon straight after to discuss me having the WLE. He started talking about lymph node biopsy and trials and I broke down. I was pregnant with my second child and was on my own when I got the results and the word "cancer" that's all I could hear or think about. That was the moment my world fell apart. The plastic surgeon got me to phone my partner (now husband) to come in as I was in total shock and could not hear one word he was saying. I had to have the slnb but as I was pregnant I had to wait until my son was born. That was a wait of two months. Two months of absolute torture. The sudden realisation of the fact that "skin cancer" can kill you sent me into turmoil. The not knowing if it had spread was a nightmare. I cried every time I looked at my daughter. The thoughts of not been here to see her grow up nearly destroyed me. The week after my son was born I had the wide local excision and sentinel node biopsy. Thankfully the results came back clear so I did not need to have further treatment. The feeling of hearing those words was amazing but then I realised I had to live with this for the rest of my life. As with the majority of the public, I had no idea what Melanoma was. I had no idea how serious skin cancer is, and no idea of the dangers changing moles or freckles can mean. I am almost two years on now form diagnosis, and this year has been easier, but I now live with completely different perspective on life. I don't take the little things for granted; I notice things that I never would have given a second thought. Life is different now but melanoma has thought me to grab life with both hands. Xxx