

# Enhancing Skin Cancer Early Detection and Treatment in Primary Care

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# Objectives

1. Understand the patients at **high risk** for melanoma and populations not likely to seek care
2. Identify **melanomas**
3. Use **technology** to reduce barriers to access to care
4. Choose a **biopsy type**– to shave or not to shave
5. Use **EMR support tools** to support workflow
6. Coordinate melanoma **treatment** and **survivorship**

# Melanoma Early Detection Toolkit (MTED)

## CME Credit!

### Melanoma Early Detection Toolkit

A toolkit with resources and education for those interested in screening or referring patients who are at higher risk for melanoma, and disseminating educational tools to empower patients to evaluate their own skin. The toolkit consists of:

- **CME training** for primary care providers on melanoma early detection (online and in-person options)
- **Patient materials** to help spread early detection awareness and education
- **Melanoma Risk Evaluation tool** (in progress)

#### CME training



#### Tools and materials for your patients



#### Melanoma Risk Evaluation Tool



# Case 1: 64 yo man with 2 yr history of right temple nodule



Photo Credit: Dr. Richard Moberly, MD



# Statistical Projection For The Year 2025 In The United States

**100,960** new cases of Melanoma (60,550 men + 44,410 women)

**8,430** deaths from melanoma

**5<sup>th</sup> most common** invasive cancer in men and **6<sup>th</sup>** in women

**1,420** new cases of Melanoma in the state of Oregon

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## The Rapid Rise in Cutaneous Melanoma Diagnoses

H. Gilbert Welch, M.D., M.P.H., Benjamin L. Mazer, M.D., M.B.A., and Adewole S. Adamson, M.D., M.P.P.

**US Preventive Services Task Force** | Recommendation Statement

April 18, 2023

# Screening for Skin Cancer

## US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement

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Article Information

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## Objective #1

# Who is at high risk for skin cancer?

Notable risk factors and risk stratification tools



Risk Level	Melanoma Risk factors	Melanoma Risk (RR except as noted) <sup>1</sup>
Moderate risk	Total common nevi >15 [1]	1.5
	Total common nevi 41-60 versus <15 [1]	2.2
	1 atypical nevus	1.5
	2 atypical nevi	1.5
	High density of freckles vs low	2.1
	Blue eye color vs dark [2]	1.5
	Hazel eye color vs dark [2]	1.5
	Green eye color vs dark [2]	1.6
	Light brown hair vs dark [2]	1.6
	Blond hair vs dark [2]	2.0
	Fitzpatrick I phototype	2.1
	Fitzpatrick II phototype	1.8
	History of sunburn [4]	2.0
	Indoor tanning use in any gender [20]	1.7 <sup>3</sup>
High risk	Total common nevi 61-80 vs<15 [1]	3.3
	3 atypical nevi [4, 1]	3.0
	4 atypical nevi [4, 1]	4.4
	Red hair vs dark [2]	3.6
	Family history of melanoma in one or two first degree relatives [2, 21]	1.7-3
	History of AK and/or KC [2]	4.3
	CLL[22]	3.9 <sup>2</sup>
	Indoor tanning use in women aged 30-39 years [20]	4.3
Ultra- high risk	Transplant recipient [23, 24]	2.2-4.6 <sup>2</sup>
	Total common nevi 101-120 vs<15 [1]	6.9
	5 atypical nevi [1]	6.4
	Personal history of melanoma [25]	8.2-13.4
	<i>CDKN2A</i> mutation carrier [26]	14 <sup>5</sup> -28 <sup>6</sup>
	3 or more relatives on the same side of the family affected [21]	Up to 35-70
	Indoor tanning use in women aged <30 years [20]	6.0 <sup>3</sup>
	<i>MC1R</i> R/R genotype <sup>4</sup> and ≥ 20 nevi >5mm vs wildtype <i>MC1R</i> and 0-4 nevi [27]	25.1 <sup>3</sup>

**Table 1. Risk levels for melanoma as determined by risk factors** - Reference population for relative risk is general population without the risk factor except as noted. AK-actinic keratosis; KC-keratinocyte carcinoma; CLL-chronic lymphocytic leukemia. <sup>1</sup>RR= relative risk; <sup>2</sup>standardized incidence ratio (SIR); <sup>3</sup>odds ratio (OR); <sup>4</sup> patients with loss-of-function mutations commonly associated with the red hair phenotype in both alleles of the *MC1R* gene; <sup>5</sup>absolute risk by age 50; <sup>6</sup> absolute risk by age 80

## Noteworthy risk factors:

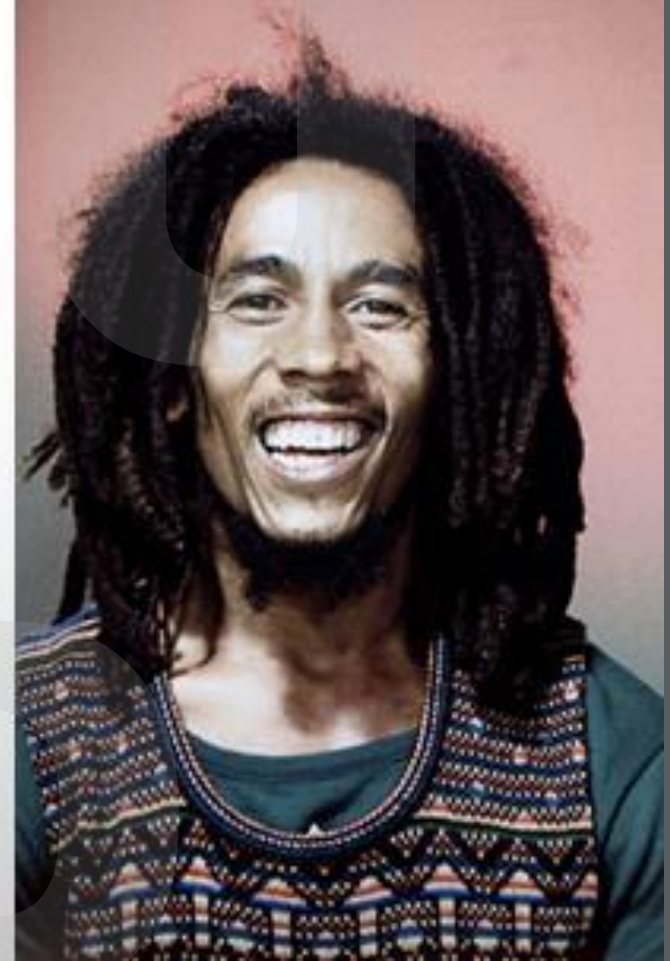
- Family history of melanoma
- Pregnancy
- Immunosuppression (due to treatment for organ transplant or autoimmune conditions, CLL)
- Those who don't seek regular care
- Those who don't have family at home



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# Skin of Color and Others at Risk





# Melanoma and Skin of Color

**Table 7. Trends in 5-year Relative Survival Rates\* (%) by Race, US, 1975-2018**

	All races			White			Black		
	1975-77	1995-97	2012-18	1975-77	1995-97	2012-18	1975-77	1995-97	2012-18
All sites	49	63	68	50	64	69	39	54	64
Brain & other nervous system	23	32	33	22	31	29	25	39	40
Breast (female)	75	87	91	76	89	92	62	75	83
Colon & rectum	50	61	65	50	62	65	45	54	60
Colon	51	61	63	51	62	64	45	54	58
Rectum	48	62	68	48	62	67	44	55	65
Esophagus	5	13	21	6	14	22	4	9	15
Hodgkin lymphoma	72	84	89	72	85	90	70	82	87
Kidney & renal pelvis	50	62	77	50	62	76	49	62	77
Larynx	66	66	61	67	68	62	58	52	53
Leukemia	34	48	66	35	50	67	33	42	62
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	3	7	21	3	7	20	2	4	19
Lung & bronchus	12	15	23	12	15	23	11	13	21
Melanoma of the skin	82	91	94	82	91	94	57†	76†	70
Myeloma	25	32	58	24	32	57	29	32	60
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	47	56	74	47	57	75	49	49	70
Oral cavity & pharynx	53	58	68	54	60	70	36	38	52
Ovary	36	43	50	35	43	49	42	36	41
Pancreas	3	4	12	3	4	11	2	4	11
Prostate	68	97	97	69	97	97	61	94	97
Stomach	15	22	33	14	20	33	16	22	34
Testis	83	96	95	83	96	96	73††	86†	92
Thyroid	92	95	98	92	96	99	90	95	97
Urinary bladder	72	80	77	73	81	78	50	63	65
Uterine cervix	69	73	67	70	74	67	65	66	56
Uterine corpus	87	84	81	88	86	84	60	62	64

\*Rates are adjusted for normal life expectancy and are based on cases diagnosed in the SEER 9 areas for 1975 to 1977 and 1995 to 1997, and in SEER 17 areas for 2012-2018; all cases were followed through 2019. Rates for White and Black patients diagnosed during 2012-2018 are exclusive of Hispanic ethnicity. †The standard error is between 5 and 10 percentage points. ‡Survival rate is for cases diagnosed from 1978 to 1980.

**Sources:** 2012-2018 survival – SEER\*Explorer, National Cancer Institute, 2022. Available from <https://seer.cancer.gov/explorer/>. Colon & rectal cancer – SEER\*Stat software (version 8.4.0.1), National Cancer Institute, 2022. Historical survival was previously calculated using SEER\*Stat version 8.3.9 (2021),

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### Additional Learning:

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03 Visual Identification

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06 Patient Education Resources

Post-Test

09 Dermatopathology Reports

10 Staging, Treatments, Follow Up

# Melanoma risk tool

What is the patient's Fitzpatrick skin type?

**A:** Very white skin, highly sensitive to sun, almost always burns, almost never tans



**C:** Clean white to olive skin, sun sensitive, occasional burns, tans to a reddish brown



**E:** Dark brown skin, sun insensitive, very rarely burns, tans very easily



As a child, how many freckles did you have?



None

Estimate the number of moles on your back and chest.



## RECOMMENDATIONS STRATIFIED BY MELANOMA RISK LEVEL (Add Risk Assessment Points together)

	Low Risk (Total: 0 points)	Some Risk (Total: 1-3 points)	Moderate Risk (Total: 4-8 points)	High Risk (Total: 9 or more points)
EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin cancer warning signs</li> <li>• Self-exam instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin cancer warning signs</li> <li>• Monthly self-exam instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin cancer warning signs</li> <li>• Monthly self-exam instructions</li> <li>• Medical provider skin exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin cancer warning signs</li> <li>• Monthly self-exam instructions</li> <li>• Medical provider skin exam</li> </ul>
MEDICAL PROVIDER EXAM	See a medical provider for any suspicious lesions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See a medical provider for any suspicious lesions</li> <li>• Consider a yearly full body skin exam by a medical provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least annual skin exam with a medical provider</li> <li>• Consider dermatology referral for skin exam every year or whenever a suspicious lesion is found</li> <li>• Add annual screening to health maintenance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to dermatology for full-body skin exam and continued management</li> <li>• Add annual or biannual screening to health maintenance</li> </ul>



## Objective #2

# Identifying melanoma

Discuss skin exams and melanoma recognition

War on Melanoma™



## Learning Pearl

### Overcome Screening Obstacles:

- Have a patient undress
- Make a new appointment for screening
- Refer to dermatology
- Online Toolkit:
  - Rapid exams
  - Patient Education Tools (smartphone apps, website handouts, the AVS dot phrase)

# Virtual CME and Resource Toolkit How To Diagnose Melanoma

1. Rapid Screenings Demo
2. Patients with Skin of Color
3. Checklist and tips for incorporating into practice



## Screening Demonstrations

01

This video is an introduction to screening rapidly for melanoma.

Length: 2 Minutes



02

Skin exam demonstration highlighting information on patients with skin of color.

Length: 7 Minutes



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# How do I tell if a mole is **normal**?

**How is it shaped?**

- Round or oval is normal

**How well-defined are the edges of the mole?**

- Clean edges with no pigment branching out is normal

**What color is it?**

- One uniform color is normal

**How big is it?**

- Smaller than the end of a pencil eraser is normal

**Has it changed?**

- No change in growth or how it feels within a few days/months is normal



# The ABCDEs Of Melanoma

- The ABCDEs of Melanoma is another method to help you detect skin lesions suspicious for Melanoma
  - Not all of these criteria need to be met (**most important is change (“E”) Evolution**)
  - Some Melanomas only have one “strike” against them!

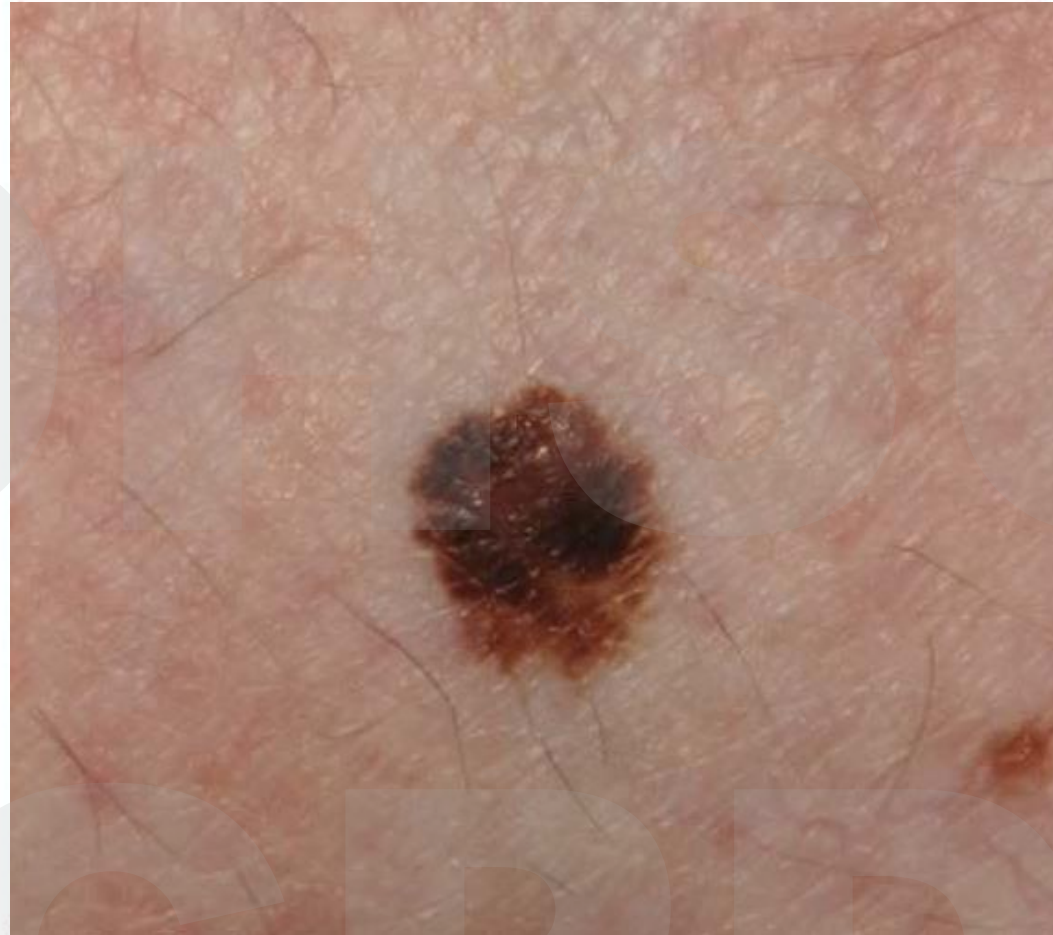
## The Key to Diagnosis:

- Anything that looks suspicious to you or to the patient (use the online modules to build your picture bank).
- Symptoms matter!



Photo Credit: OHSU  
Dermatology

What is your diagnosis?



Not Melanoma

0 10 20 30 40 50 60

Melanoma

90 100

Probability (%) or likelihood that it is melanoma

# The Diagnostic Process

Building your "picture bank"

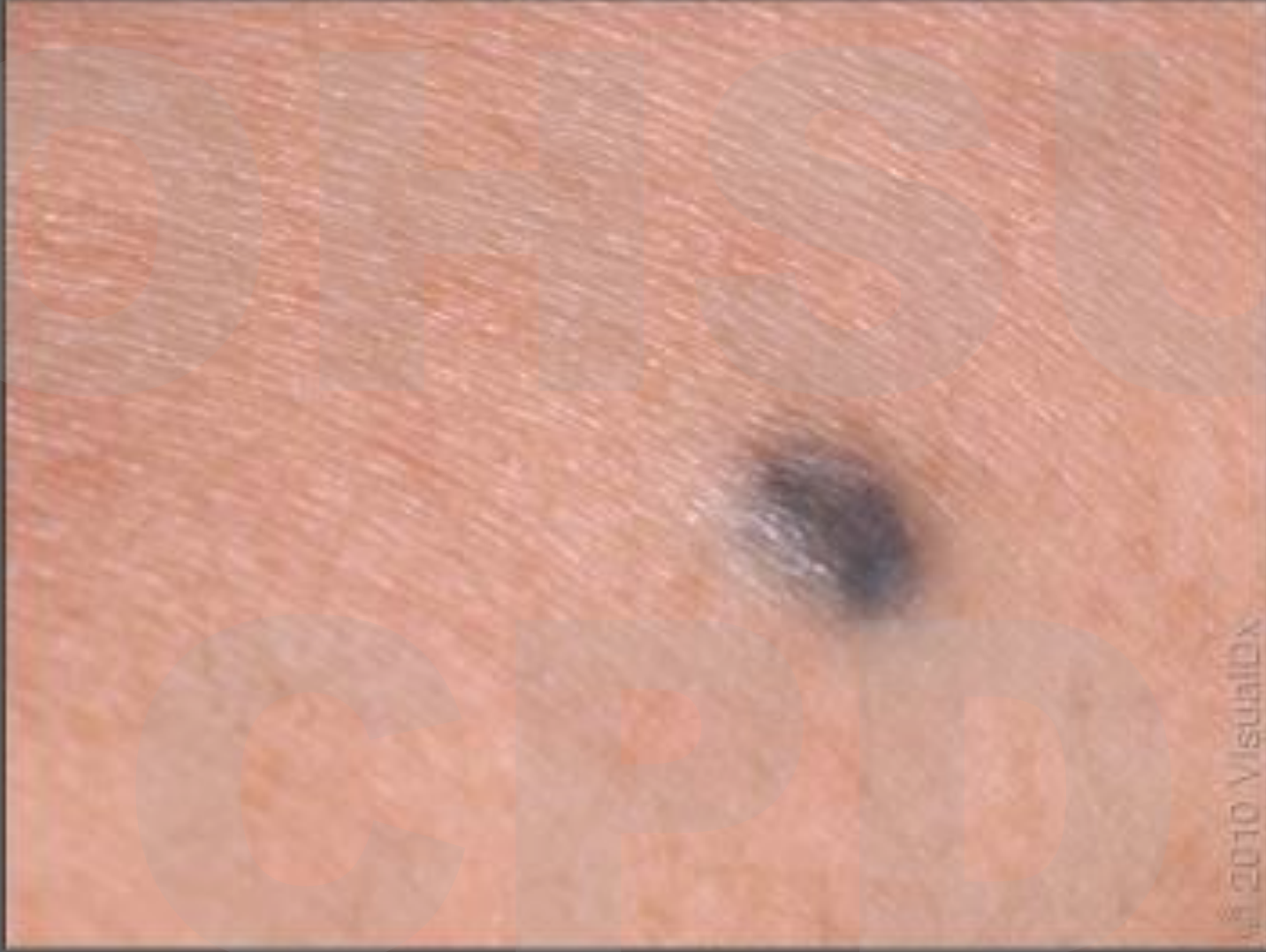




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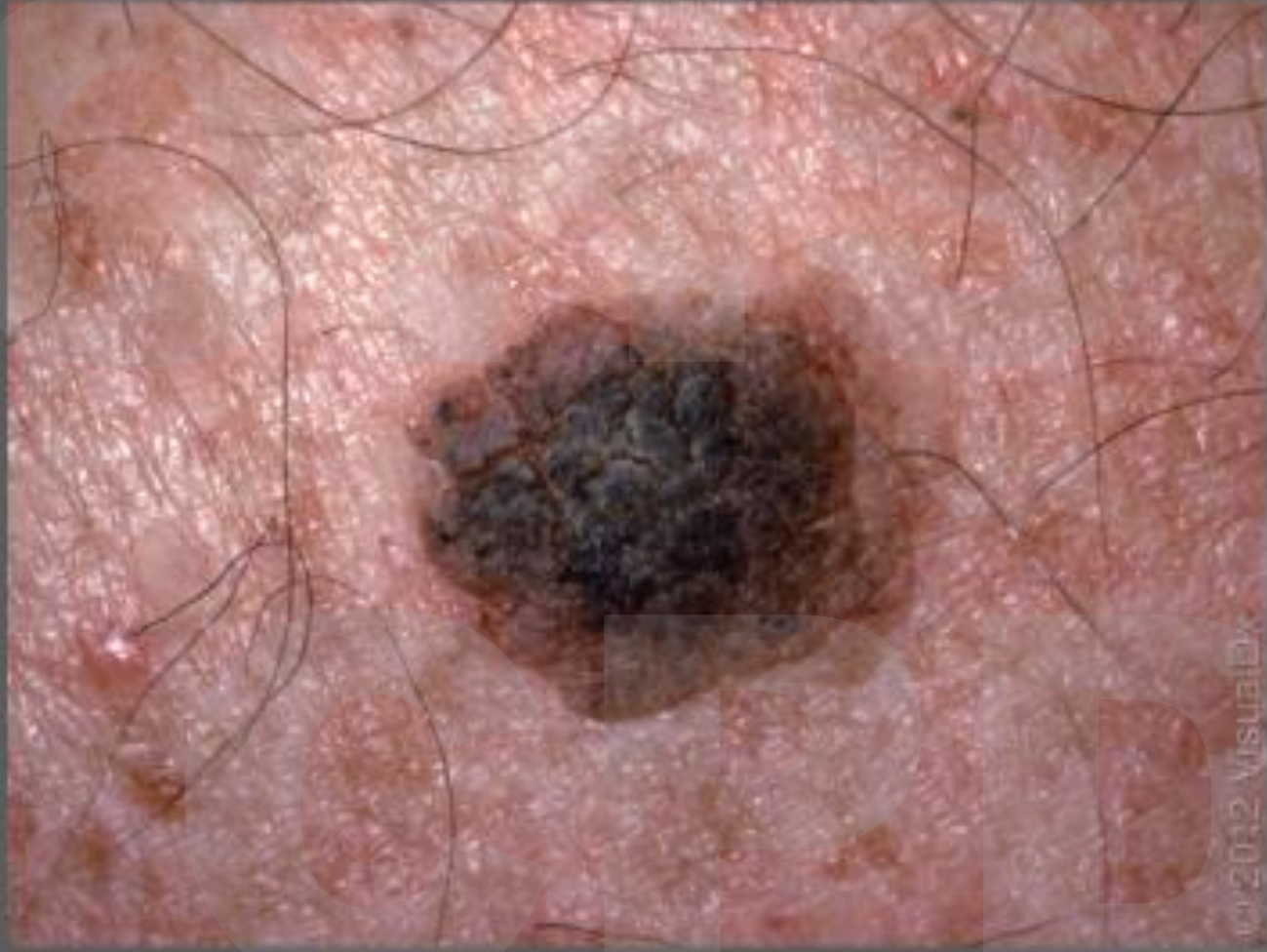
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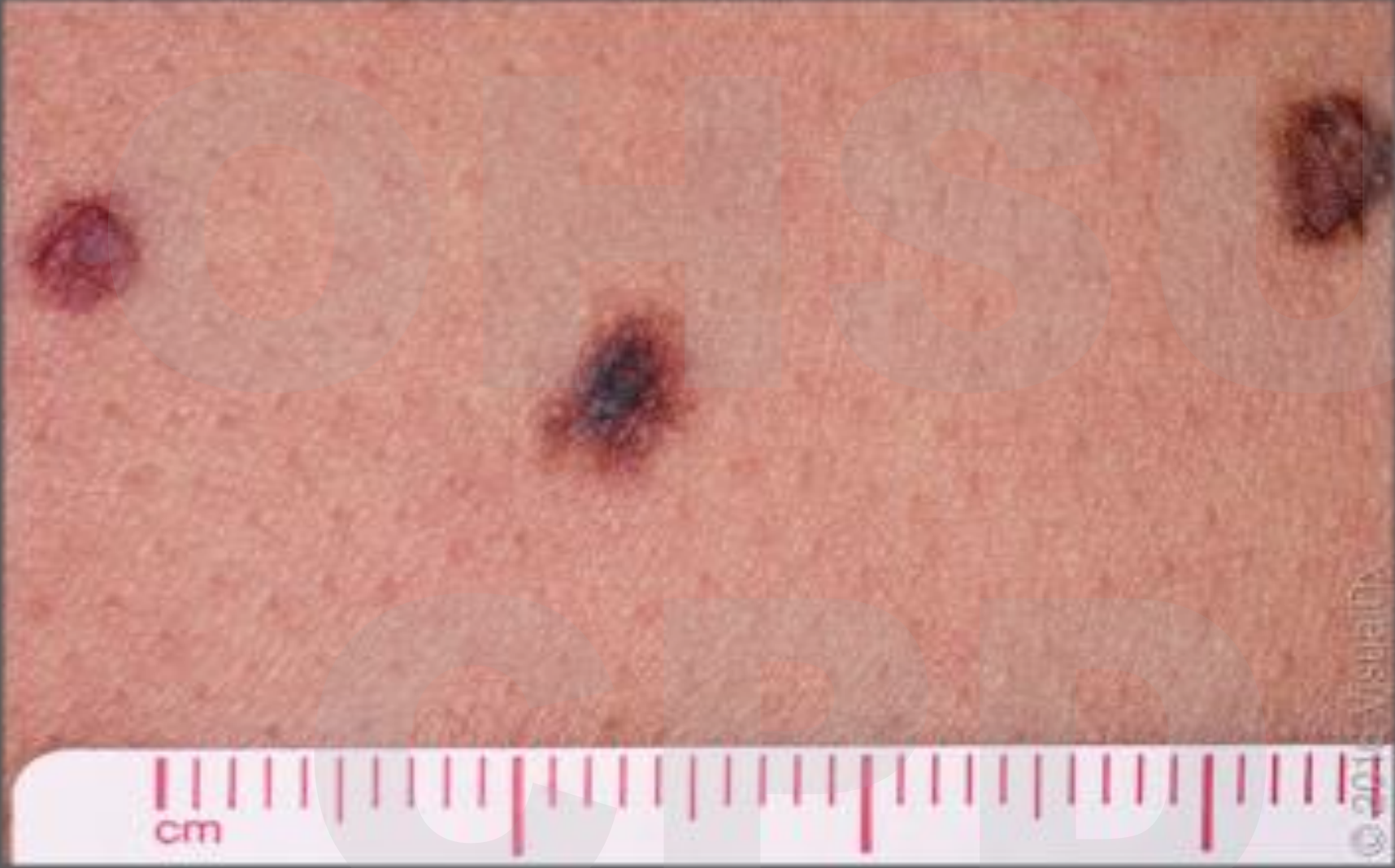




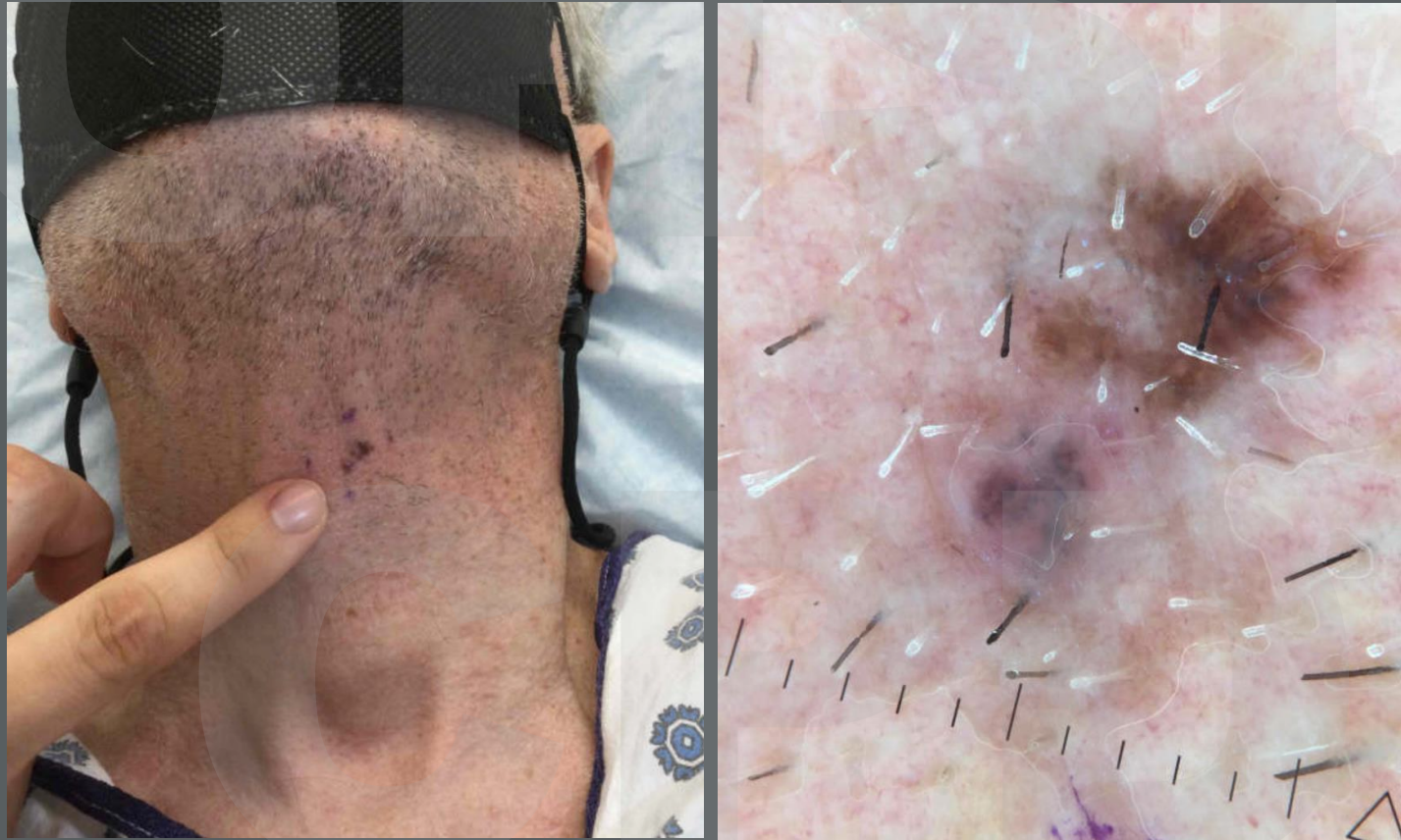
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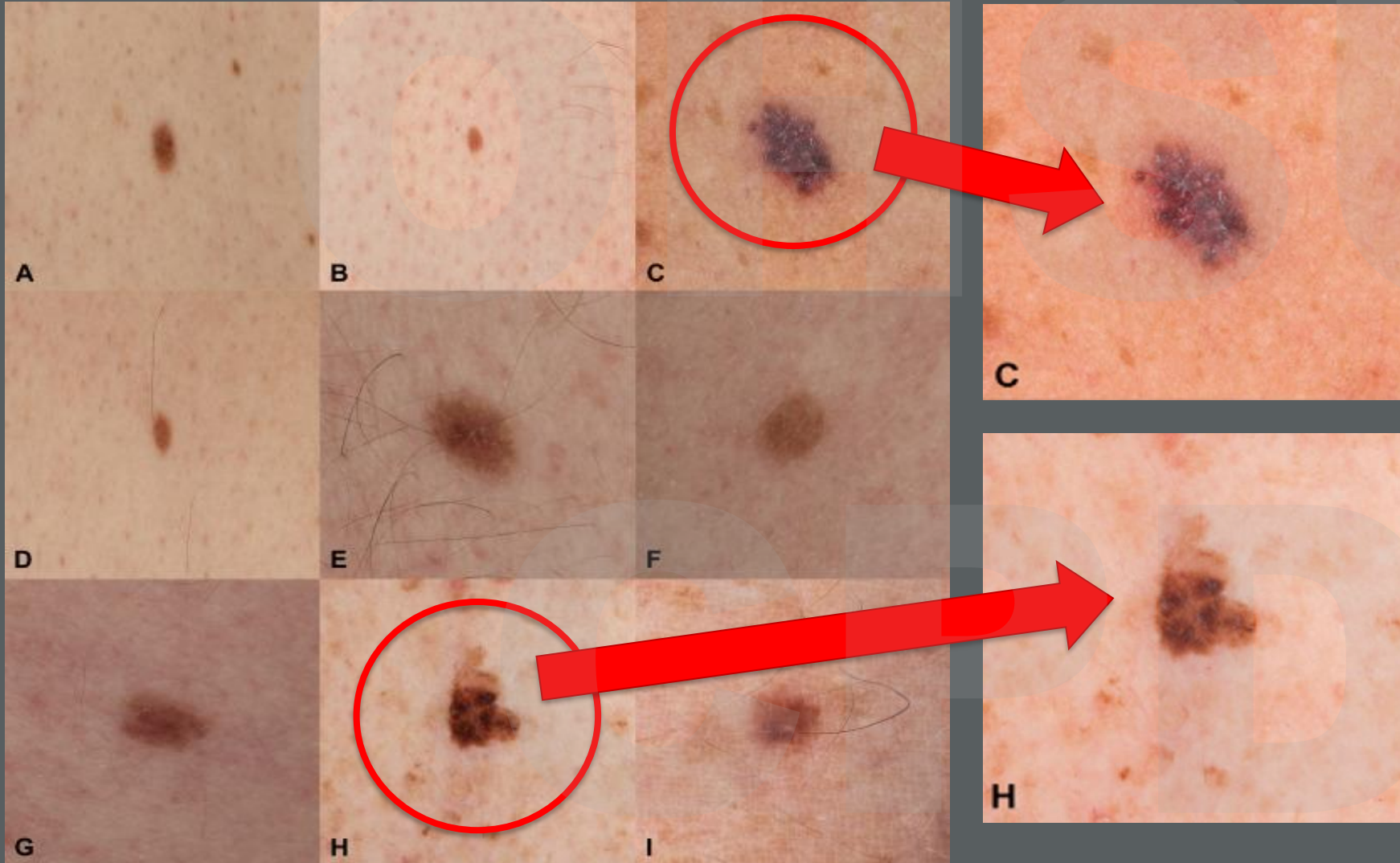


# Melanomas can be small....



...and very aggressive

# The Ugly Duckling Sign



The Ugly Duckling Sign is a useful method to help you detect skin lesions suspicious for Melanoma.

For patients with many moles, look out for moles that stand out compared to the others.



# Difficult Melanomas

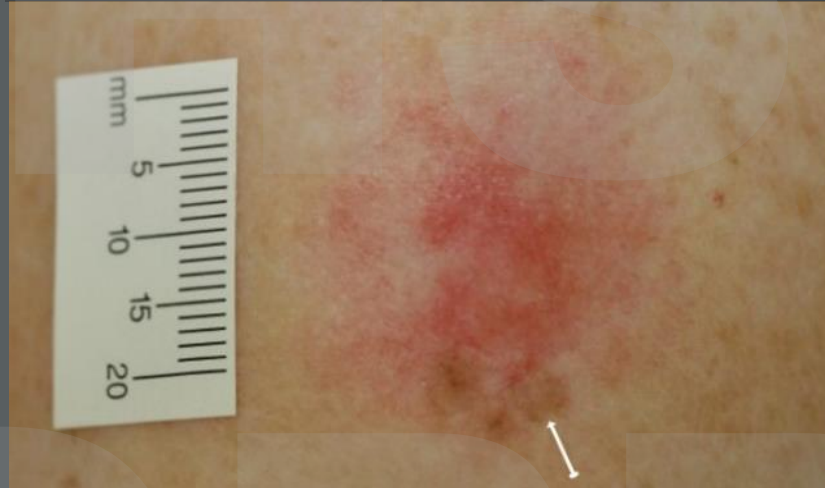
*Clinically looks like a Spitz Nevus*



**Spitzoid Melanoma**

Photo Credit: Kim HY, et al. Ann Dermatol.  
2015;27(2):206-209

*Melanocytes are present, but clinically looks like little or no brown color*



**Amelanotic Melanoma**

Photo Credit: Skin Cancer 909

*Clinically looks like a Scar*



**Desmoplastic Melanoma**

Photo Credit: MoleMap NZ, DermNet NZ

When in doubt, biopsy, refer to dermatology, use **eConsults** or send patients to our dermoscopy-at-home **eVisit** page.



# Visual Identification Quizzes

Each quiz contains a brief written overview and 15 images. You should spend just a few moments on each multiple choice question, and you will receive immediate feedback to let you know if the choice was correct. This is not graded, but meant as a learning exercise.

<p>1</p> <p>Quiz 01</p> <p>Melanoma vs. Benign Lentigo (Lentiginos)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Quiz 2</p> <p>Seborrheic Keratosis vs. Melanoma</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Quiz 3</p> <p>Blue Nevus vs. Melanoma</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Quiz 4</p> <p>Mole (Nevus) vs. Melanoma</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Quiz 5</p> <p>Acral Melanocytic Nevi vs. Acral Lentiginous Melanoma (ALM)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Quiz 6</p> <p>Nail Unit Melanoma (NUM) vs. Melanonychia (benign)</p>

## How To Diagnose Melanoma

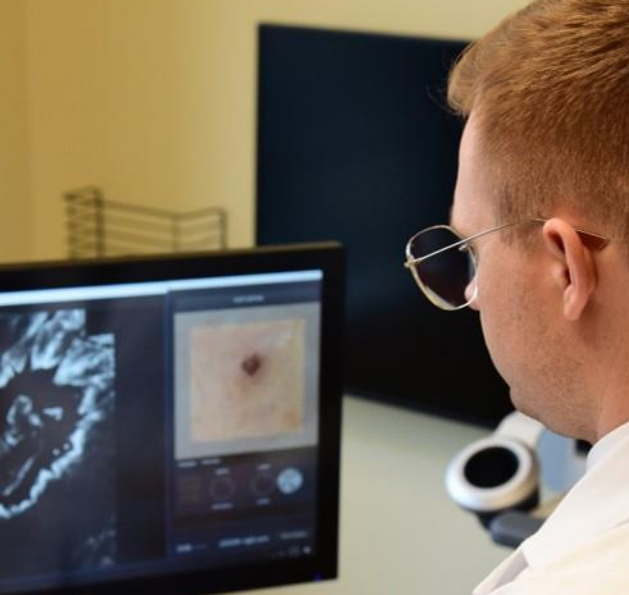
### Remember:

Every dermatologist builds expertise over time, and always biopsy or refer when there is any doubt.

# When you suspect skin cancer

Options for what to do next

1. Biopsy
2. Take a photo for monitoring
3. E-consult
4. Referral to Dermatology



Dermoscopy (top), Reflectance  
Confocal Microscopy (bottom)  
Photo Credit: OHSU Dermatology



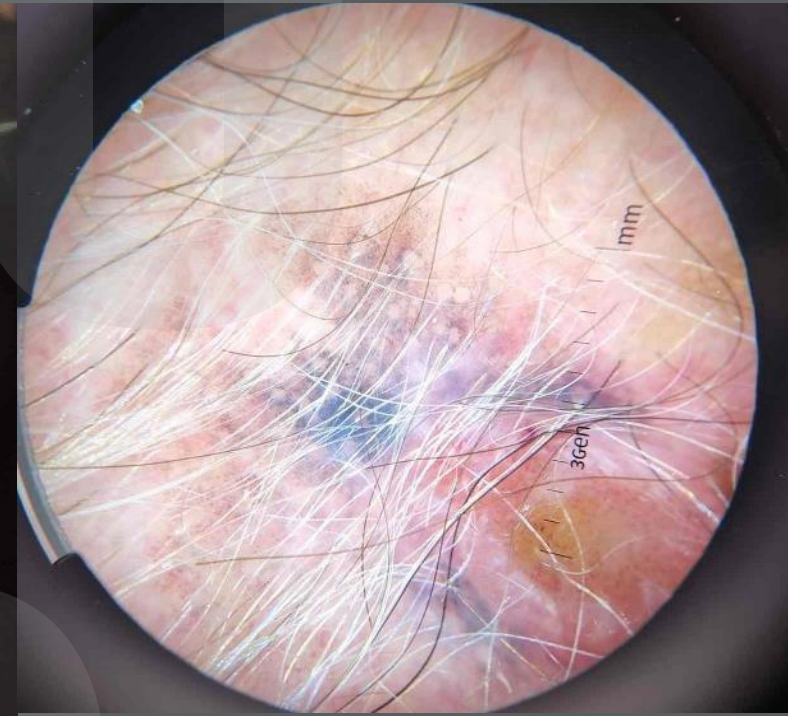
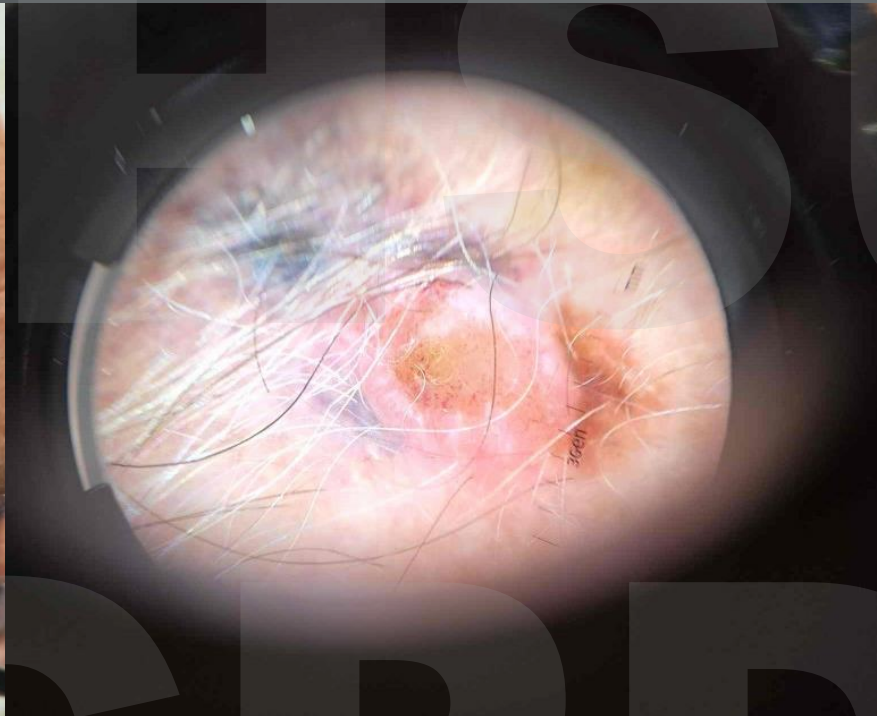
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# Use Technology to Reduce Barriers to Care Access

Dermoscopy Photos, E-Consults

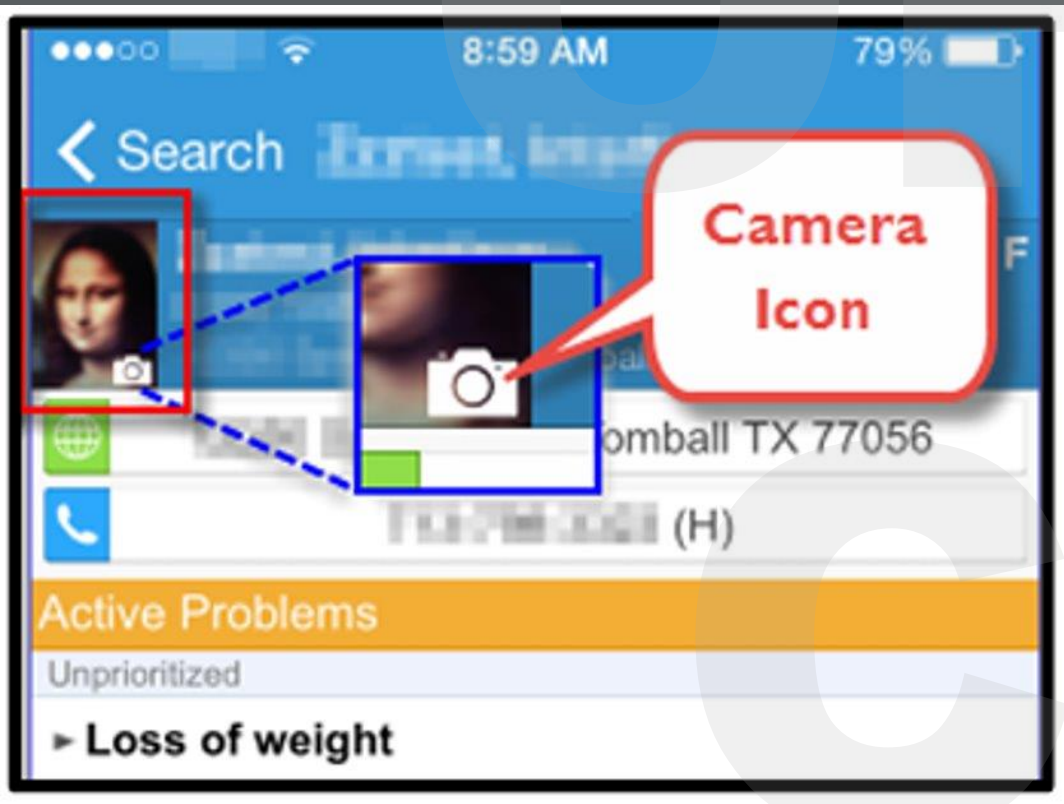
# Case 1:

## 64 yo man with 2 yr history of right temple nodule



E-consult read within 24 hours, offered appointment the next day. Seen 7 days later due to need for insurance authorization.

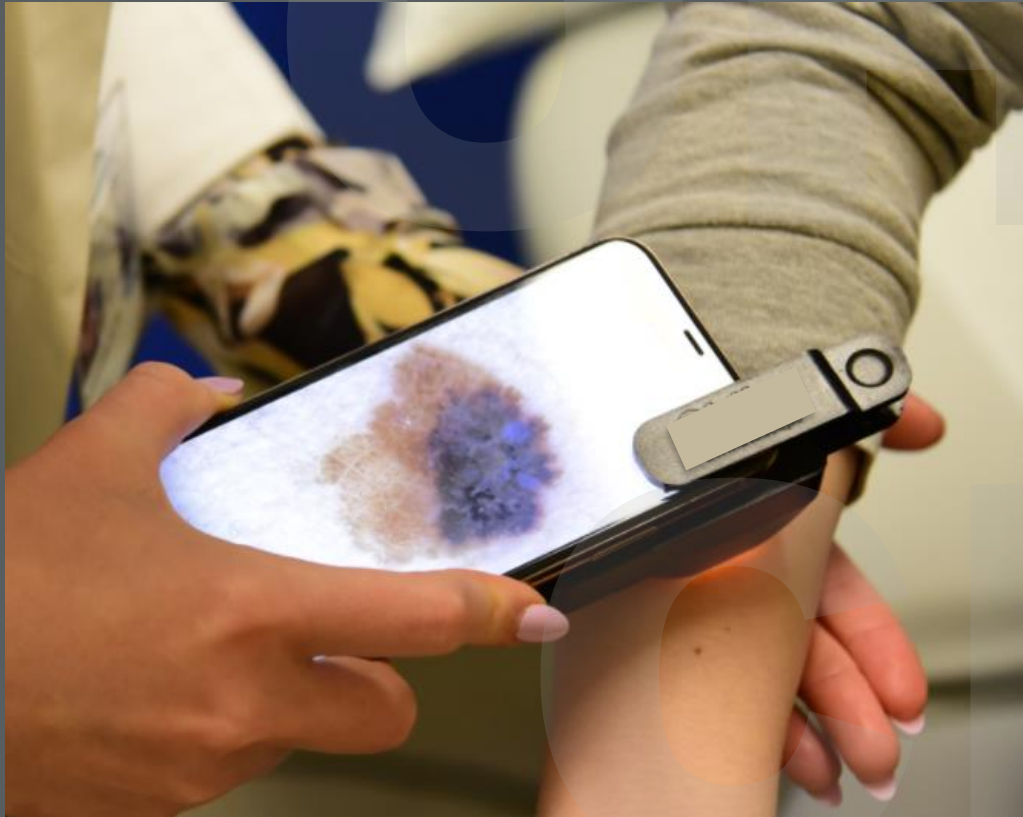
# How do I take a good photo of a skin growth?



Use Haiku or Canto (or clinic camera)

- Take 3 photos
  - 1. far out with identifiable body part (arm)
  - 2. close-up with measurement (pen/quarter/ruler)
  - 3. dermatoscope
- Add media, label, save

## Dermoscopy smart phone device



- Attach to iPad or smart phone
- Add contact medium (alcohol, hand sanitizer, mineral oil or ultrasound gel) and place on lesion to photograph
- Turn on light
- Enlarge to 1.5x
- Capture photo



doctor taken clinical image



Date  
12/09/2022

smartphone dermatoscope e-consult



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Device  
Dermoscope

doctor taken clinical image



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# eConsults

Dermoscopy  
Questions:  
[stoos@ohsu.edu](mailto:stoos@ohsu.edu)

eConsult Tip  
Sheets are on O2:



## Objective #4

# To Shave Biopsy or Not...

Discuss the importance of different biopsy techniques

From what you have learned, this mole looks suspicious for melanoma



Your patient is concerned they have melanoma and wants to have the skin lesion removed

How do you biopsy a concerning skin lesion?

# Biopsy Types



Shave Biopsy\*\*

Deep Shave Biopsy/  
Shave-Excision/  
Saucerization/  
Scoop Shave

Epidermis (0.05 – 1.5 mm)\*

Dermis (1.5 – 4 mm)

Subcutaneous Fat

Fascia

Punch Biopsy

Elliptical Excision

\*Shave biopsies are adequate when it is deep enough to cause some bleeding

\*\*Thickness of each skin layer depends on the anatomical location and the individual

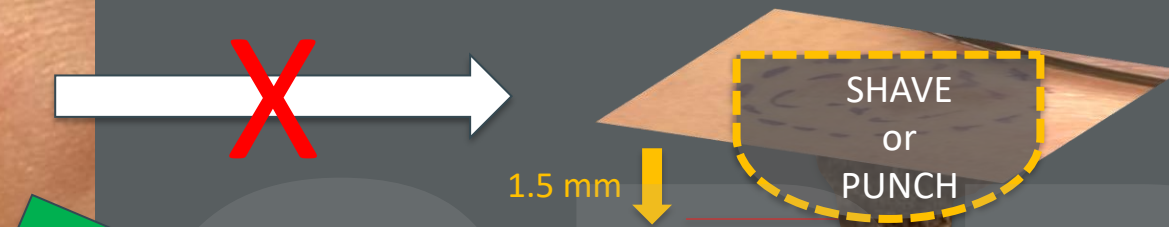


# It Is Ideal For Suspected Melanoma Cases To Be Biopsied Deep Enough For Accurate Staging



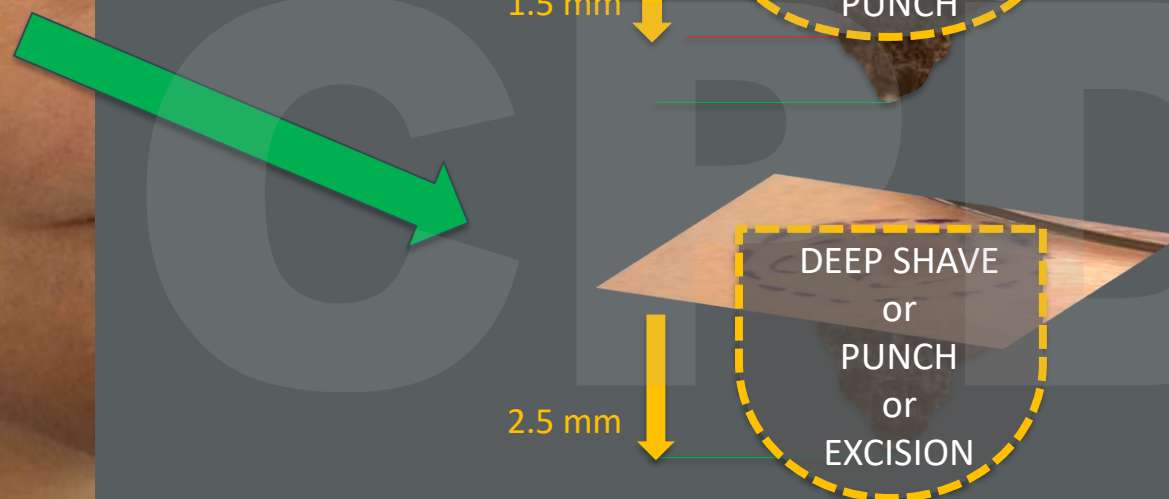
Method: 4 mm punch biopsy deep enough, but smaller in diameter than the lesion itself

**✗ INACCURATE STAGING:**  
Melanoma 0.5 mm deep



Method: Shave or punch biopsy that is not deep enough

**✗ INACCURATE STAGING:**  
Melanoma 1.5 mm deep



Method: Deep shave or punch biopsy or excision of entire lesion

**✓ ACCURATE STAGING:**  
Melanoma 2.5 mm deep

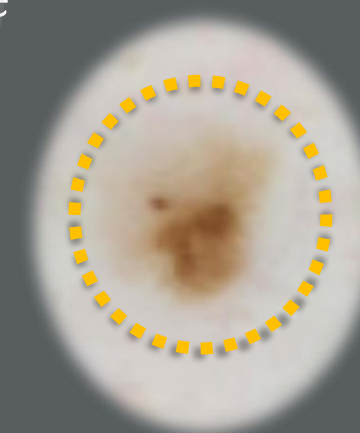
# Choosing A Method That Maximizes The Likelihood Of Accurate Diagnosis

For suspected Melanoma cases, it is preferable to choose a biopsy method that will allow you to remove in one intact piece ...

the entire lesion

+

About 1-2 mm margin of normal skin around the lesion at an appropriate depth



2016 Photo

2020 Photo

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## How To Diagnose Melanoma

A biopsy that is inadequate can result in a **Misdiagnosis** or **Inaccurate Staging!**

# Biopsy Demonstrations

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05 Solutions for Busy Clinics

01

Punch Biopsy

1 minute – with narration



02

“Scoop” biopsy

2 minutes – with narration



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# Case 1

## Dermatology Visit

**A: MELANOMA, RIGHT TEMPLE, MEASURING 3.7 MM IN THICKNESS, ULCERATED.**

### MELANOMA OF THE SKIN SYNOPTIC REPORT:

**Site:**

- Right temple

**Maximum Tumor Thickness:**

- 3.7 mm

**Ulceration:**

- present

**Mitotic Rate:**

- 5/mm<sup>2</sup>

**Peripheral margins:**

- closely approached by melanoma in situ

**Deep margin:**

- involved by invasive melanoma

**Microsatellitosis:**

- not identified

**Lymph-Vascular Involvement:**

- not identified

**Perineural Involvement:**

- not identified

**Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes:**

- present, non-brisk

**Tumor Regression:**

- present

**Pathologic Staging (AJCC 8th edition):**

- pT3b pNx pMx





# Case 1

## Dermatology Visit

**B: MELANOMA, RIGHT UPPER ARM, MEASURING 0.6 MM IN THICKNESS.**

### MELANOMA OF THE SKIN SYNOPTIC REPORT:

**Site:**

- Right upper arm

**Maximum Tumor Thickness:**

- 0.6 mm

**Ulceration:**

- not identified

**Mitotic Rate:**

- 1/mm<sup>2</sup>

**Peripheral margins:**

- involved by melanoma in situ

**Deep margin:**

- uninvolved

**Microsatellitosis:**

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**Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes:**

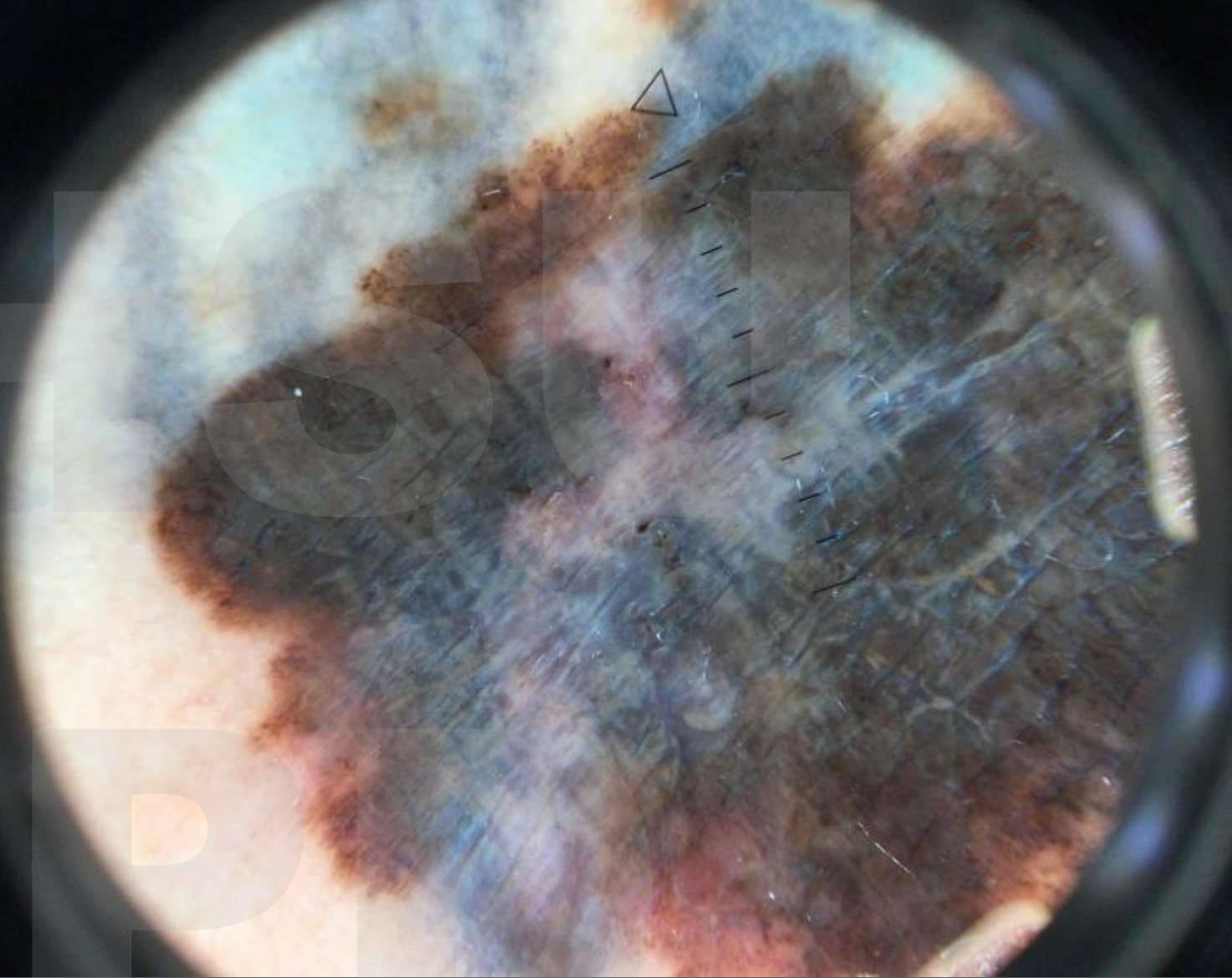
- present, non-brisk

**Tumor Regression:**

- present

**Pathologic Staging (AJCC 8th edition):**

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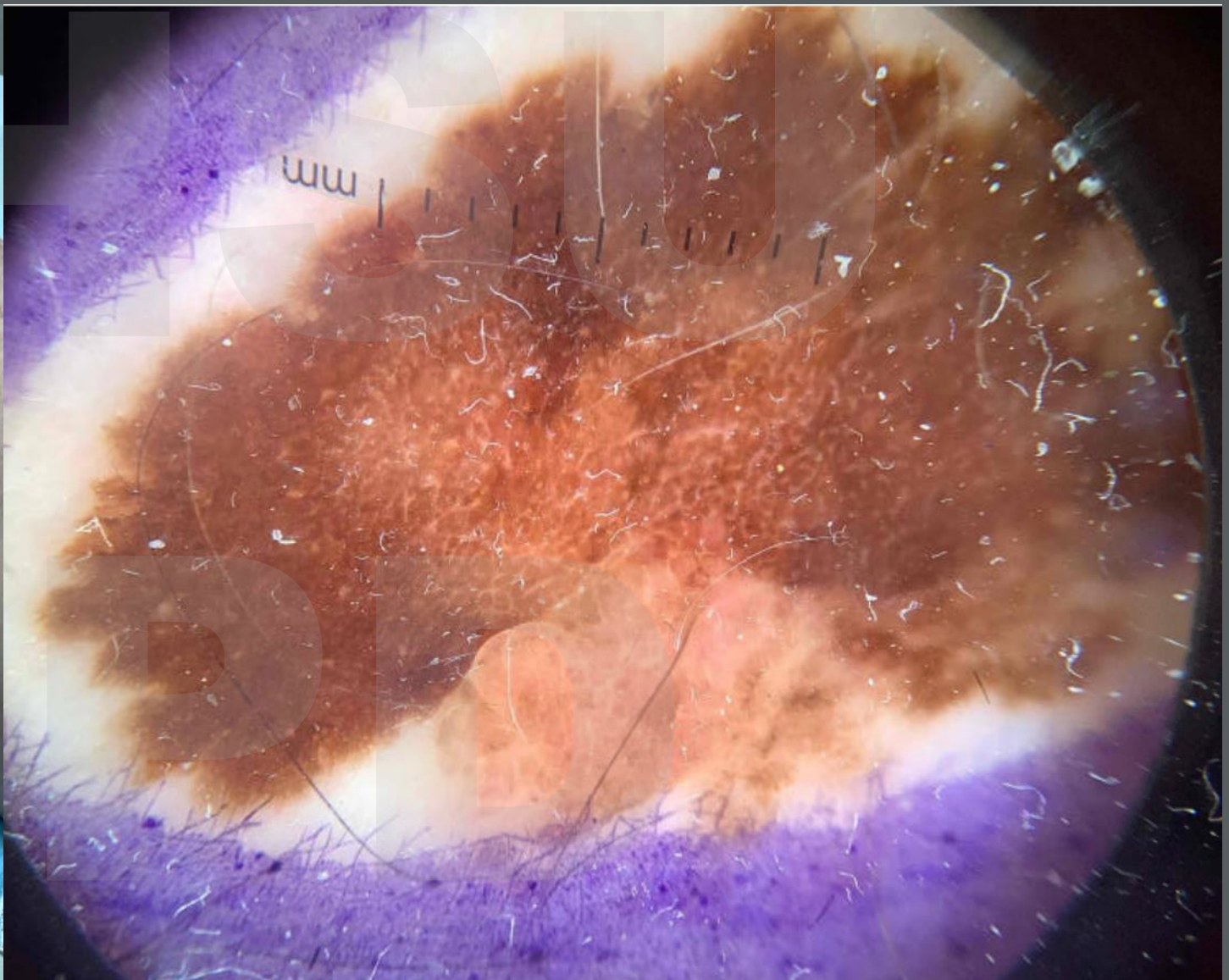


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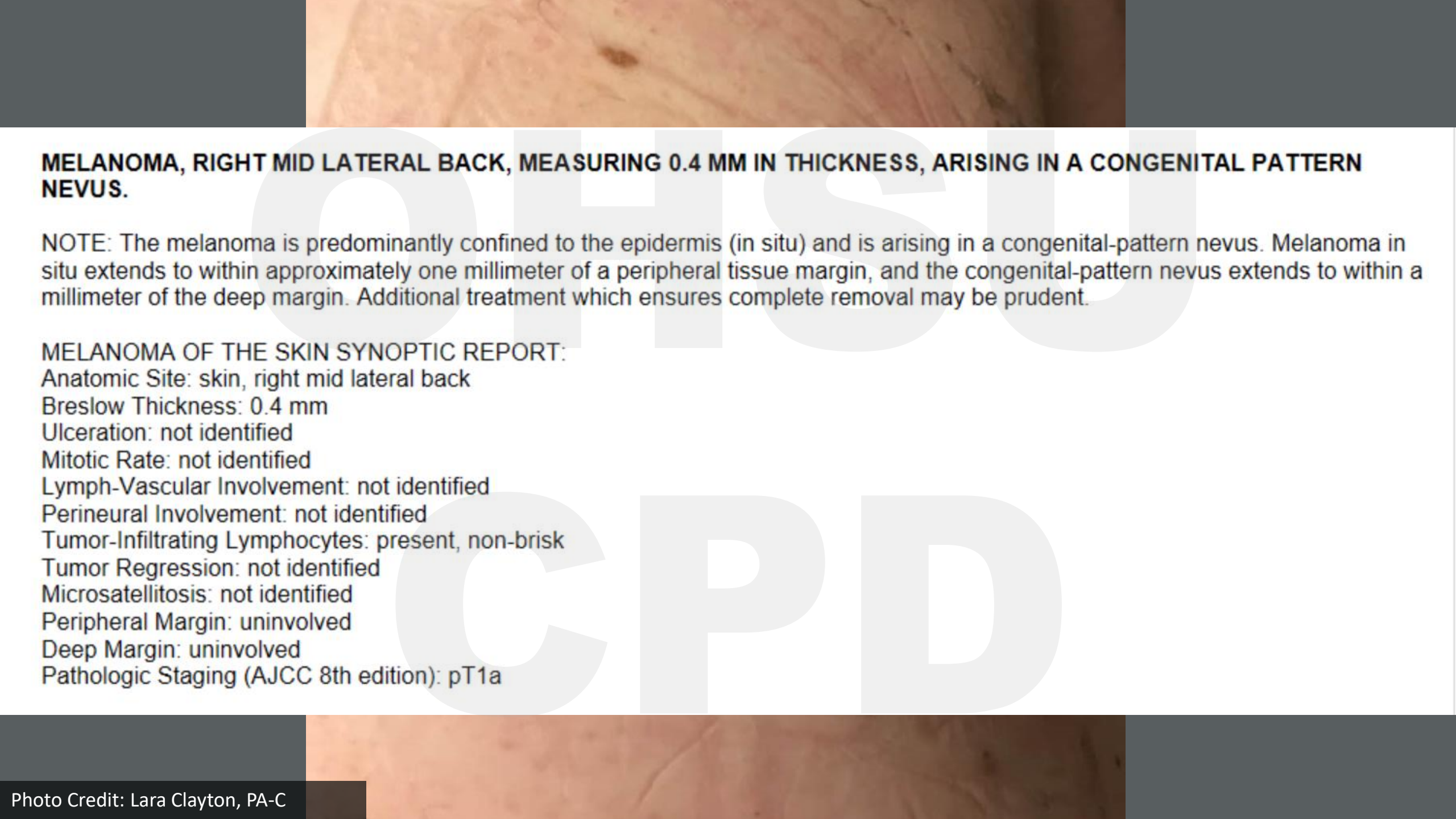




# Case 2: 59 yo man with itchy "mole" on back







**MELANOMA, RIGHT MID LATERAL BACK, MEASURING 0.4 MM IN THICKNESS, ARISING IN A CONGENITAL PATTERN NEVUS.**

NOTE: The melanoma is predominantly confined to the epidermis (in situ) and is arising in a congenital-pattern nevus. Melanoma in situ extends to within approximately one millimeter of a peripheral tissue margin, and the congenital-pattern nevus extends to within a millimeter of the deep margin. Additional treatment which ensures complete removal may be prudent.

**MELANOMA OF THE SKIN SYNOPTIC REPORT:**

Anatomic Site: skin, right mid lateral back

Breslow Thickness: 0.4 mm

Ulceration: not identified

Mitotic Rate: not identified

Lymph-Vascular Involvement: not identified

Perineural Involvement: not identified

Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes: present, non-brisk

Tumor Regression: not identified

Microsatellitosis: not identified

Peripheral Margin: uninvolved

Deep Margin: uninvolved

Pathologic Staging (AJCC 8th edition): pT1a



**Shave / deep shave/ scoop biopsies may be acceptable methods**

Caution: Orientation of excision closure can disrupt lymphatic drainage and make lymph node biopsy more difficult

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## Objective #5

# EMR Support Tools

Save time with EMR Tools available in EPIC and MTED

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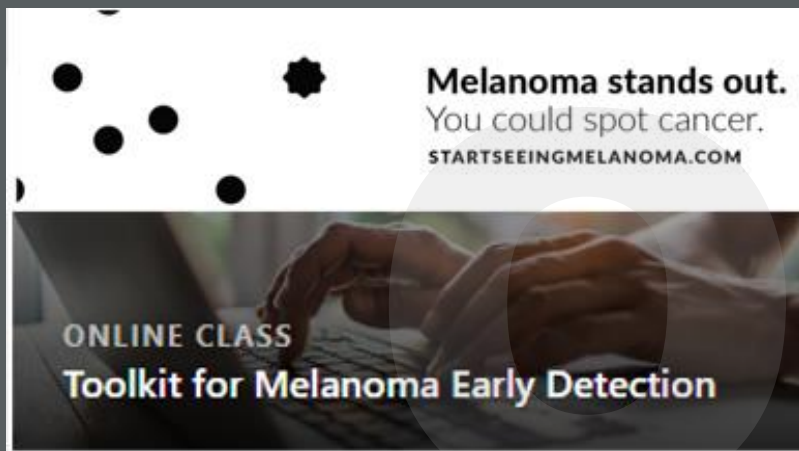
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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin cancer warning signs</li> <li>• Self-exam instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin cancer warning signs</li> <li>• Monthly self-exam instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin cancer warning signs</li> <li>• Monthly self-exam instructions</li> <li>• Medical provider skin exam</li> </ul>
<b>MEDICAL PROVIDER EXAM</b>	See a medical provider for any suspicious lesions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See a medical provider for any suspicious lesions</li> <li>• Consider a yearly full body skin exam by a medical provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least annual skin exam with medical provider</li> <li>• Consider dermatology referral for exam every year or whenever suspicious lesion is found</li> <li>• Add annual screening to health maintenance</li> </ul>

Here are some useful links and documents:

- [Statistics: Melanoma of The Skin](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [USPSTF Screening Recommendation Paper](#)
- [EMR Risk Calculator Reference Material](#)
- [Adult After Visit Summary](#)
- [Peds After Visit Summary](#)
- [Start Seeing Melanoma Public Education Website](#)
- [MoleMapper Website](#)
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# Skin Cancer Screening Reference Guide



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1. Handouts
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3. Online risk calculator for patients

### Screening Recommendations

#### Populations at risk for developing melanoma

Adults aged 35–75 years should be screened at least annually with a total body skin examination when presenting with one or more of the following risk factors:

- Personal history of skin cancer, pre-cancerous lesions, or predisposing genetic mutation;
- Family history suggestive of a predisposition toward melanoma; or
- Physical features suggestive of susceptibility for skin cancer.

See over for a table that provides more details on risk factors.

#### Intake Form

##### Doorway risk assessment

- Fair complexion
- Blonde, red, or light brown hair
- Blue, green, or hazel eyes
- Light skin colors (Fitzpatrick I–III, Fitzpatrick 1988)
- Numerous freckles
- Many visible moles

### Diagnosis Codes

- Atypical nevus (*need to specify site*) – D22.X
- Family history of melanoma – Z80.8
- Family history of skin cancer – Z80.8
- Freckles – L81.2
- History of atypical nevus – Z87.898
- History of sun-damaged skin – Z87.2
- Multiple pigmented nevi of the trunk and extremities – D22.7
- Personal history of melanoma – Z85.820
- Personal history of skin cancer – Z85.828
- Personal risk factors not otherwise specified – Z91.89
- Screening for skin cancer – Z12.83
- Skin tanning due to UV light – L56.8
- Sun-damaged skin – L57.8
- Tanning bed use – Z91.89

#### Sample EPIC SmartPhrase (dot phrase) for Risk Factor Assessment

- Fitzpatrick skin type I–III: {YES/NO:63}
- Blond or red hair: {YES/NO:63}



# AVS and Patient Education Materials Available in Toolkit

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### Did you know?

The majority of skin cancers are first detected by the individual or a partner, not a doctor.

While performing a self-exam, it can be hard to see everywhere. Use the tips below to ensure a thorough exam!

Thoroughly inspect your scalp, using a hand mirror and asking for assistance to inspect the back of your head and back of your neck.

Check your hands carefully, paying attention to the palms, fingers and under the fingernails. Continue up the wrist to examine both the front and back of your forearms.

Check your neck, chest, and back. Mirrors should be used to view the backside.

With your back to the full-length mirror, use a hand-held mirror to inspect the back of your neck, shoulders and upper back.

Still using both mirrors, view your lower back, buttocks, and the sides of both legs.

In a mirror, press your leg, then the backside mirror to examine the genital and anal areas. Check the front and sides of both legs, thigh to ankle, lower leg of foot. Remove your shoe and inspect soles. Examine sides of feet and heels.

### Understanding melanoma

Melanoma is a type of skin cancer that can spread to different parts of the body (metastasize). Melanoma can be fatal.

### Melanoma cases are on the rise!

New Melanoma Cases per 100,000 people per year

Early detection is key! Early detection of melanoma is better.<sup>14</sup>

Early Stage: 99% of patients whose melanoma is caught before it spreads will survive at least 5 years!<sup>15</sup>

Metastatic: 25% of patients whose melanoma is caught after it spreads will survive at least 5 years!<sup>15</sup>

Your doctor can help catch melanoma early through a full-body screen.<sup>16</sup>

### Know your risk

Research has proven that most people are at an elevated melanoma risk due to genetics, family, and behavioral factors. Understanding your risk level is an important first in staying safe!

Find out your risk today!

Take the quiz, and find more learning resources at:

startseeingmelanoma.com

SCAN HERE

Your guide to self skin cancer screening

Examine your skin for warning signs

You should examine your skin at least every month for melanoma warning signs.

Look for something different:

A new (especially if you are 55 or older) or changing mole

One part of the mole is growing differently than the rest (look for difference in color, shape, size)

A mole different from your other moles, often referred to as "ugly ducklings"

### Finding Melanomas

Melanoma can have many different appearances

Just because a mole is different, does not mean it is melanoma — but you should talk to your provider if you see any warning signs. Here are a couple examples of how melanoma may look:

Risk factors

Some things can increase your risk of getting a melanoma, including:

Having a lot of moles

Having a lot of sunburns

Having a lot of tanning bed use

Having a lot of family history of skin cancer

Having a lot of family history of melanoma

Having a lot of family history of other skin cancers

## Patient Education

We have developed materials in collaboration with leading dermatologists around the country to create simple, effective information.

Click the "Resource" tab for free orders.

### Risks

Lists major risk factors and links to the online risk calculator on the public education website. .

### Warning Signs











Shows images of several ways melanoma can look, and key warning signs such as change.

### Key Facts

The survival rate for early vs late detection of melanoma is given as a motivating factor to watch for warning signs and perform self-exams.

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# Epic smartphrases for patient education

Name	What you need to know about: Melanoma and other skin cancers						
.MELRISK	<p><b>Melanoma</b></p> <hr/> <p>Melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer. When found early, it is almost always curable, which is why it is important to check your skin and talk to your health care provider.</p>						
.SKINCANCERAVS	<p><b>To catch melanoma</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check your skin every month for new or changing moles or spots.</li> <li>• Let your medical provider know if you see any of the warning signs of melanoma or other skin cancers.</li> </ul>						
.MELHPI	<p><b>What does melanoma look like?</b></p> <p>Look for new moles (spots on your skin) or moles that are changing in size, shape or color. As you get older, your moles may slowly change, but a mole should never change quickly.</p>						
.MELPE	<p>Melanoma can happen anywhere - not just areas exposed to the sun. When you are checking your skin, be sure to look at your whole body.</p>						
.MELROS	<p><b>Melanoma warning signs</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="901 733 1116 891"> <p>A new mole (especially if you are 55 or older) or a changing mole.</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1116 733 1330 891"> <p>One part of the mole that is growing differently from the rest of the mole. Look for difference in color, shape or size.</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1330 733 1544 891"> <p>A mole that is different from your other moles</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="901 891 1116 1048">  </td> <td data-bbox="1116 891 1330 1048">  </td> <td data-bbox="1330 891 1544 1048">  </td> </tr> </table>	<p>A new mole (especially if you are 55 or older) or a changing mole.</p>	<p>One part of the mole that is growing differently from the rest of the mole. Look for difference in color, shape or size.</p>	<p>A mole that is different from your other moles</p>			
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.SKINCANCERPE	<p><b>What does melanoma look like?</b></p> <p>Below are a few examples of how melanoma might look.</p>						
.SKINCANCERPUNCHBX							
.SKINCANCERPUNCHBXS							
.SKINCANCERSHAVEBX							
.SKINCANCERSHAVEBXS							
.MOLEMAPPER	<p>Note that just because a mole is different, does not mean it is melanoma. You should always talk to your health care provider if you see any melanoma warning signs.</p> <p><small>Custom Mole Images: 'SkinCancer999: a textbook of skin cancer for medical students' by Jonathan Rees. <a href="http://www.skincancer999.com">www.skincancer999.com</a></small></p>						

## Objective #6

# Melanoma Treatment and Survivorship

Next steps for treatment and follow-up

Melanoma *in situ*

T1a Melanoma

(<0.8 mm) Breslow Depth

Will require additional wide excision with appropriate margins (0.5-1.0 cm for MIS, 1.0 cm for invasive melanoma)

Consider referral to dermatologic surgery

Melanoma

More than 0.8 mm Breslow Depth

In addition to wide excision, **Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy (SLNB)** may be necessary

Referral to surgical oncology



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I have a patient with a history of  
Melanoma, what is appropriate  
follow-up?  
CPD



# Follow-up For Patients With A History Of Melanoma

- Monitor your patient for additional melanoma metastasis or recurrence
- **Full body skin exam** and **full lymph node exam** at least once a year
- Full **review of systems** to evaluate for signs of metastatic disease
  - Imaging tests as needed for specific symptoms
  - Possible regional Lymph Node Ultrasound
- Educate your patient about **skin and lymph node self exams**
- Genetic counseling/testing if three or more melanomas, or personal or family history of melanoma and certain cancers

# Health Maintenance Reminder

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Health Maintenance Modifiers

Lipid Screening: Every 5 yrs

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# What do I do with the results of a biopsy?

Discuss what happens after a skin biopsy is sent to the lab and a Dermatopathologist makes a diagnosis



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Considerations

Margin positivity

Next steps

Unfamiliar terminology

CPD

**MELANOCYTIC NEVUS, COMPOUND TYPE.**

**NOTE:** The nevus extends closely to the deep biopsy margin, appearing excised in these sections.

**MELANOMA?**

**MELANOCYTIC NEVUS, JUNCTIONAL TYPE, WITH ATYPICAL FEATURES SUSPICIOUS FOR EARLY MELANOMA IN SITU.**

**NOTE:** Incomplete circumscription, increased single junctional melanocytes in areas predominating over nests, and intraspinous involvement are atypical features suspicious for early or small diameter melanoma in situ. The lesion extends closely to the biopsy margins, additional treatment would be prudent.

# How do I read this Pathology Report?

**MELANOMA, RIGHT LATERAL CHEEK, MEASURING 0.5 MM IN THICKNESS.**

**NOTE:** The melanoma extends in epidermal fashion to the peripheral biopsy margins, and additional treatment which assures removal is recommended.

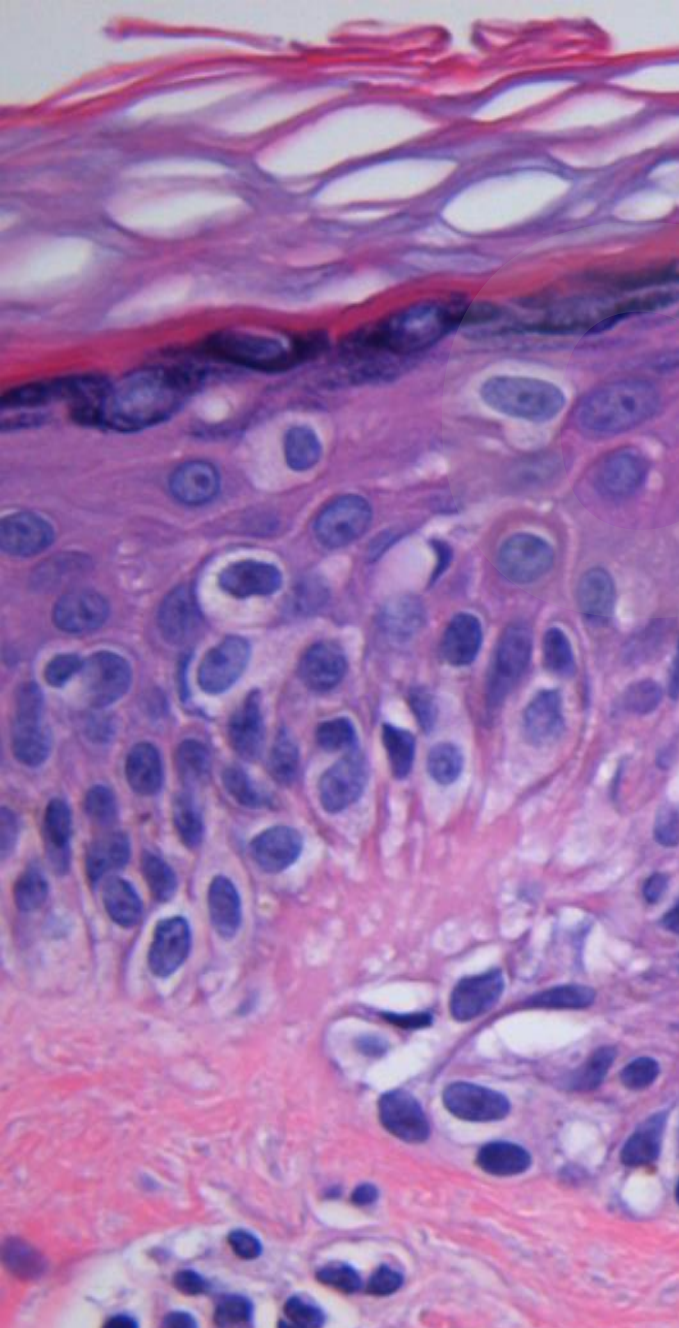
**MELANOMA?**

**MELANOCYTIC NEVUS?**

There is a broad, not entirely symmetric, predominantly intraepidermal melanocytic proliferation composed of nests of varying size, and single melanocytes distributed along, and above the basal layer. Most of the melanocytic nuclei are enlarged, and irregularly shaped, and most of the cells contain increased amounts of amphophilic cytoplasm. There is a sparse underlying lymphocytic infiltrate.

**MELANOMA?**





# Diagnostic Uncertainty For Melanoma

Different Dermatopathologists use different systems and terms to determine whether a skin lesion should be considered **Melanoma**

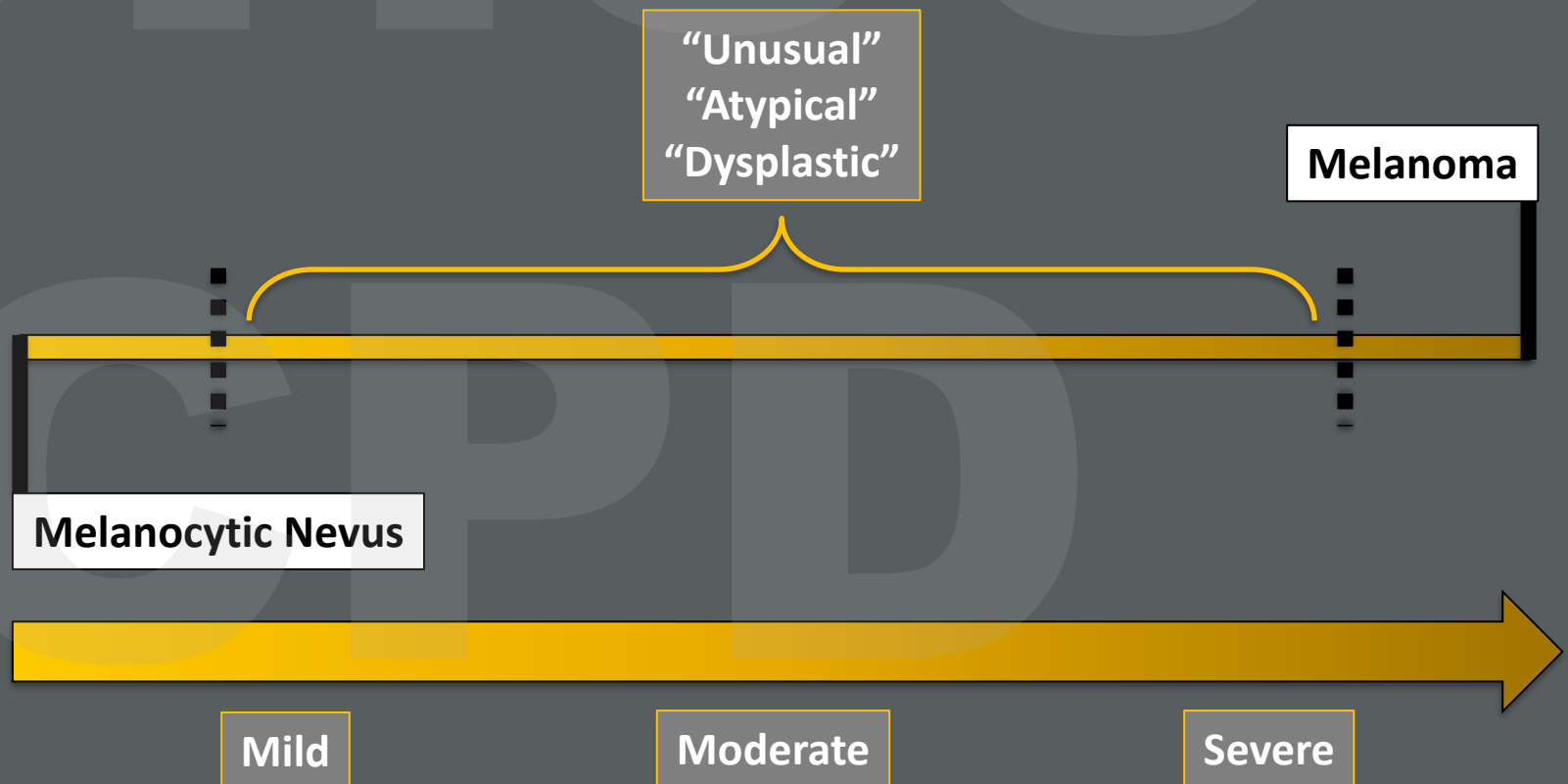


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# What Do I Expect To See?

## Final Pathologic Diagnosis:

The **DIAGNOSIS**

**NOTE** Section:

- Other possible skin conditions to consider
- What is present, and what is not present on the tissue microscopically to support the diagnosis
- **Recommendations for further treatment\***

\*It is common for Dermatopathologists at most academic institutions to make recommendations in their Pathology Reports



# Benign Melanocytic Nevus Diagnosis

Final Pathologic Diagnosis:



Example of a ~~Benign Melanocytic Nevus~~ Diagnosis

**MELANOCYTIC NEVUS, COMPOUND TYPE.**

**NOTE:** The nevus extends closely to the deep biopsy margin, appearing excised in these sections.





# Atypical Nevus Diagnosis



## Final Pathologic Diagnosis:

Example of a Melanocytic Nevus with Atypical Features suspicious for Melanoma Diagnosis

**MELANOCYTIC NEVUS, JUNCTIONAL TYPE, WITH ATYPICAL FEATURES SUSPICIOUS FOR EARLY MELANOMA IN SITU.**

**NOTE:** Incomplete circumscription, increased single junctional melanocytes in areas predominating over nests, and intraspinous involvement are atypical features suspicious for early or small diameter melanoma in situ. The lesion extends closely to the biopsy margins, **additional treatment would be prudent.**



# Melanoma *in situ* Diagnosis

Final Pathologic Diagnosis:

Example of a ~~Melanoma *in situ*~~ Diagnosis



**MELANOMA *IN SITU*, RIGHT INFERIOR POSTERIOR THIGH.**

**NOTE:** The melanoma *in situ* extends closely to the peripheral margins. Additional treatment is recommended.



# Melanoma Diagnosis

Final Pathologic Diagnosis:



Example of a **Melanoma** Diagnosis

**MELANOMA, CENTER CHEST, MEASURING 1.4 MM IN THICKNESS, NON-ULCERATED, IN ASSOCIATION WITH A PRE-EXISTING NEVUS.**

**NOTE:** There is fibrosis and dense inflammation, suggesting possible regression. The melanoma extends closely to the peripheral margins. Additional treatment is recommended.

\*Unlike Melanoma *in situ*, a Melanoma diagnosis includes a **Breslow Depth**

**Melanoma stands out.**  
You could spot cancer.  
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# Wide Local Excision (WLE) for Melanoma *in situ* and T1a Melanomas

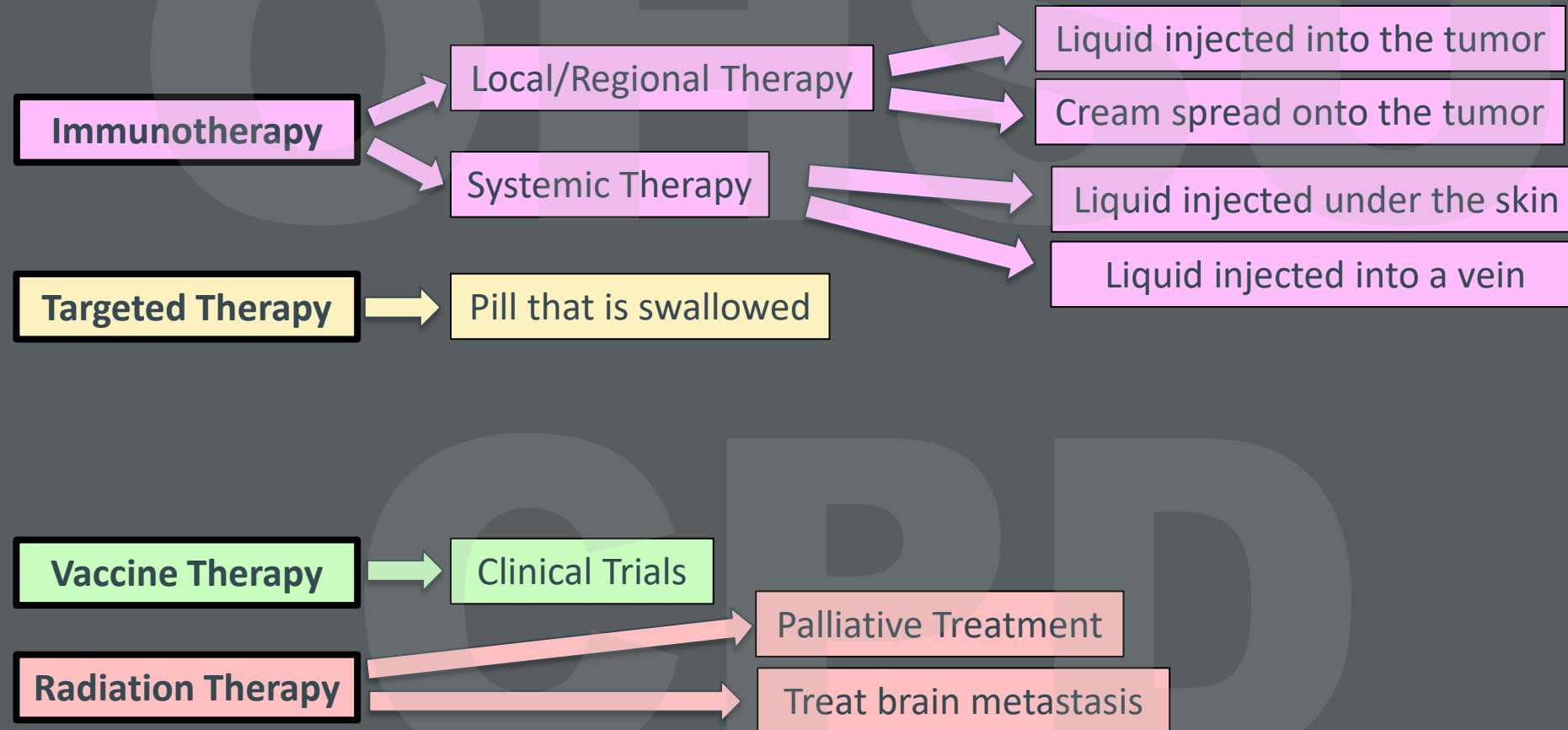
## PRINCIPLES OF SURGICAL MARGINS FOR WIDE EXCISION OF PRIMARY MELANOMA

<u>Tumor Thickness</u>	<u>Recommended Clinical Margins<sup>2</sup></u>
In situ <sup>1</sup>	0.5–1.0 cm
≤1.0 mm	1.0 cm (category 1)
>1.0–2 mm	1–2 cm (category 1)
>2.0–4 mm	2.0 cm (category 1)
>4 mm	2.0 cm (category 1)

**Margins may be modified to accommodate individual anatomic or functional considerations.**

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# Melanoma Treatment Beyond Surgery





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# Follow-up For Patients With A History Of Melanoma

- **Clinical Stages IA-IIA**
  - Medical History and Physical Exam (Skin & Lymph Nodes)
    - Every 6-12 months for 5 years, then
    - Every year as needed
- **Clinical Stages IIB-IIC, III, and IV**
  - Medical History and Physical Exam (Skin & Lymph Nodes)
    - Every 3-6 months for 2 years, then
    - Every 3-12 months for 3 years, then
    - Every year as needed
  - Possible Imaging every 3-12 months