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# MELANOMA: CLINICAL FEATURES AND DIAGNOSIS

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# Introduction

- Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer
- In the United States, it is the fifth most common cancer
- increases with age

## **Risk factors**

- cumulative sun damage (CSD)
- mole phenotype (high versus low nevus count)
- BRAF, NRAS, and other relevant mutations
- The patients phenotypic features include:
   Light-complexioned phototype/red or blond hair/light eye color
- Presence of a large number (>50) of melanocytic nevi (common nevi)
- Presence of large or atypical melanocytic nevi

# classification of melanoma

The traditional morphologic classification of melanoma:

- superficial spreading
- nodular melanoma
- lentigo maligna
- acral lentiginous

# Superficial spreading melanoma

- -The most common histologic subtype.
- -Over 60 percent diagnosed as thin, highly curable tumors that are ≤1 mm in thickness
- Approximately two-thirds of all melanomas arise de novo



### Nodular melanoma

- -Darkly pigmented, pedunculated, or polypoid papules or nodules
- -Frequently present with uniform color or amelanotic/pink hue, symmetric borders, and a relatively small diameter, making early detection difficult

### Nodular melanoma

-Most nodular melanomas are thicker than 2 mm at the time of the diagnosis

-No identifiable radial growth or in situ phase



# Lentigo maligna melanoma

-Most commonly arises in **chronically sun-damaged areas** of the skin in older individuals and begins as **a tan or brown macule**The lesion gradually **enlarges** over years and may **develop darker, asymmetric foci of pigmentation, color variegation, and raised areas** that signify **vertical growth** within the precursor in situ melanoma, which is termed "lentigo maligna"



Lentigo maligna melanoma on the left cheek of a 68-year-old man with characteristinodule signifying dermal invasion in the precursor surrounding in situ lesion (lentigo maligna).

# Acral lentiginous melanomas

- -First appear as dark brown to black, irregularly pigmented macules or patches, with raised areas, ulceration, bleeding, and/or larger diameter generally signifying **deeper invasion in the dermis**.
- -most commonly on palmar, plantar, and subungual surfaces







Subungual melanoma

Melanoma originating from the nail matrix.

An area of hyperpigmentation of the proximal nail fold (**Hutchinson sign**) is present.

# When to suspect melanoma

#### 1. The **ABCDE rule** of melanoma:

- Asymmetry
- Border irregularities
- Color variegation
- Diameter ≥6 mm
- Evolution (a lesion that is changing in size, shape, or color, or a new lesion)

# 2. The Glasgow seven-point checklist

- •Major (2 score):
- -Change in size/new lesion
- -Change in shape/irregular border
- -Change in color/irregular pigmentation
- •Minor (1 score):
- •Diameter ≥7 mm
- Inflammation
- Crusting or bleeding
- Sensory change/itch



# **Diagnosis**

#### Dermoscopy

Dermoscopic examination should be performed on all suspicious, pigmented lesions as a first-line diagnostic support modality.

The **definitive** diagnosis of melanoma is **histopathologic**.

Biopsy – A complete full-thickness excisional biopsy of suspicious lesions with 1 to 3 mm margin of normal skin and extending to a depth to encompass the thickest portion of the lesion should be performed whenever possible

# surgical management

#### **ROLE OF SURGERY**

- Histologic confirmation of the diagnosis
- Obtaining complete and accurate pathologic staging of the primary tumor (and when appropriate, regional nodal basin staging by sentinel lymph node biopsy [SLNB]
- -Wide excision of the primary melanoma site with an appropriate margin of normal tissue around the primary site to minimize the risk of local recurrence

# Margins for cutaneous melanoma

- -For melanoma in situ (Tis) 0.5 to 1 cm surgical resection margin; a 0.5 cm margin is commonly used
- -For cutaneous melanomas ≤1 mm thick (T1) 1 cm resection margin.
- -For cutaneous melanomas >1 to 2 mm thick (T2) – 1 to 2 cm resection margin
- -For cutaneous melanomas >2 mm thick (T3, T4) 2 cm resection margin.

#### case

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# pathology

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# reference

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