



# Dermatology for the Non-Dermatologist



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# Agenda

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- Our practice
- Shave and punch biopsy techniques
- Biopsy cases
- Surgical cases



# University Dermatology Associates

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- Accepting new patients
- Most insurances (including MediCal)
- Ages 0-120 (pediatric MediCal in FHCCN)
- 2 Board-Certified Dermatologists and 2 PA's
- General Derm, Surgical derm, Mohs, Research, cosmetics
- PDL (laser), PDT, UVA, UVB



# Shave biopsy

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- Marker
- Camera
- Lidocaine
- Razor blade
- Q-tip
- Aluminum Chloride
- Band-Aid





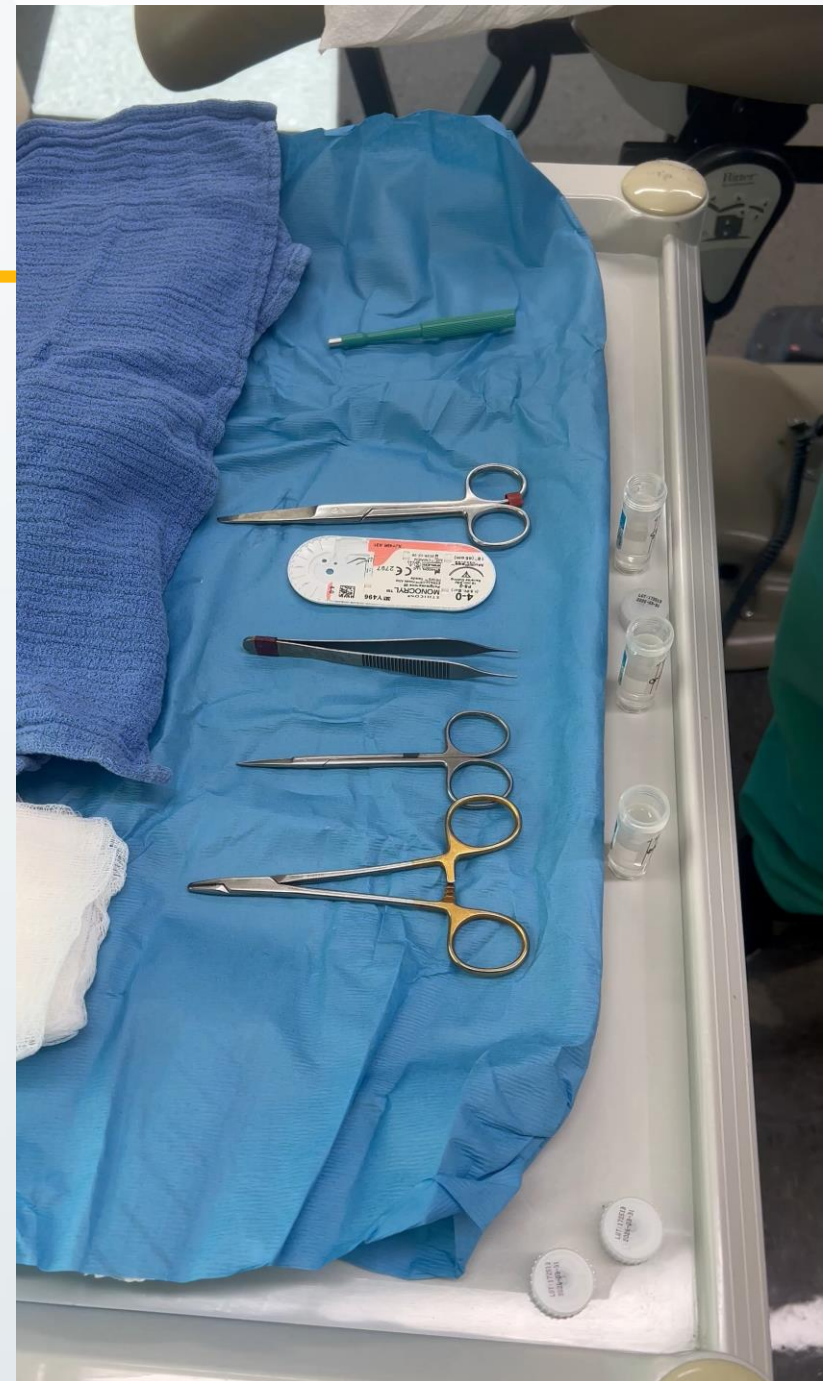
- Very simple, cheap
- Usually no complications
- 99% no need for cauterization
- Be careful with blood thinners, low platelets, abnormal liver, A-V fistulas.



# Punch biopsy

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- More difficult
- More tools (instruments)
- Need to know where to perform



# Biopsy cases

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RECEIVED: 06/01/2023  
REPORTED: 06/02/2023  
9:31:56AM

PHYSICIAN: LUIS DEHESA, MD  
Reference #: 44425

CLINICAL DATA: FIBROTIC, FIRM NODULE; NEOPLASM OF UNCERTAIN BEHAVIOR, SCC VS. ISK

**DIAGNOSIS: VERRUCOUS ACTINIC KERATOSIS (L57.0)**  
(LEFT RADIAL DORSAL HAND)

NOTE: Actinic keratosis has been transected across the deep tissue edge, limiting assessment for a possible component of invasive carcinoma. Rebiopsy is warranted if a lesion persists at this site.







Right central forehead

**CLINICAL DATA:**

Procedure: Biopsy by shave method H and E.  
Morphology: Fibrotic, firm nodule.  
DDX: Neoplasm of uncertain behavior.  
Notes: Rule out basal cell carcinoma.

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**FINAL DIAGNOSIS (Microscopic):**

Right central forehead:  
Hypertrophic actinic keratosis.  
Present at peripheral and deep margins.

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**SPECIMEN SUBMITTED:**

Right inferior forehead

**CLINICAL DATA:**

Procedure: Biopsy by shave method H and E.

Morphology: Papule.

DDX: Neoplasm of uncertain behavior vs basal cell carcinoma.

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**FINAL DIAGNOSIS (Microscopic):**

Right inferior forehead:

Basal cell carcinoma, atypical type (with squamous features), extending to the base.

*- Mohs.*







Patient No.: 23-031-000999

Facility:  
Facility MRN:

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6. Right proximal dorsal forearm:  
Hypertrophic actinic keratosis.  
Present at peripheral and deep margins.

- Re-biopsy

#### DERMATOPATHOLOGY CONSULTATION

**SPECIMEN SUBMITTED:**  
Right proximal dorsal forearm

**CLINICAL DATA:**  
Procedure: Biopsy by shave method H and E.  
Morphology: Fibrotic, firm nodule.  
DDX: Neoplasm of uncertain behavior.  
Notes: Rule out squamous cell carcinoma.

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**FINAL DIAGNOSIS (Microscopic):**  
Right proximal dorsal forearm:  
Invasive squamous cell carcinoma, keratoacanthoma type.  
Present at deep margin.

- Mohs





# Take home message

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- Skin biopsies are very easy to perform
- Not that easy to interpret
- Clinico-pathological correlation is paramount
- Please provide good description to the pathologist





# Surgical cases

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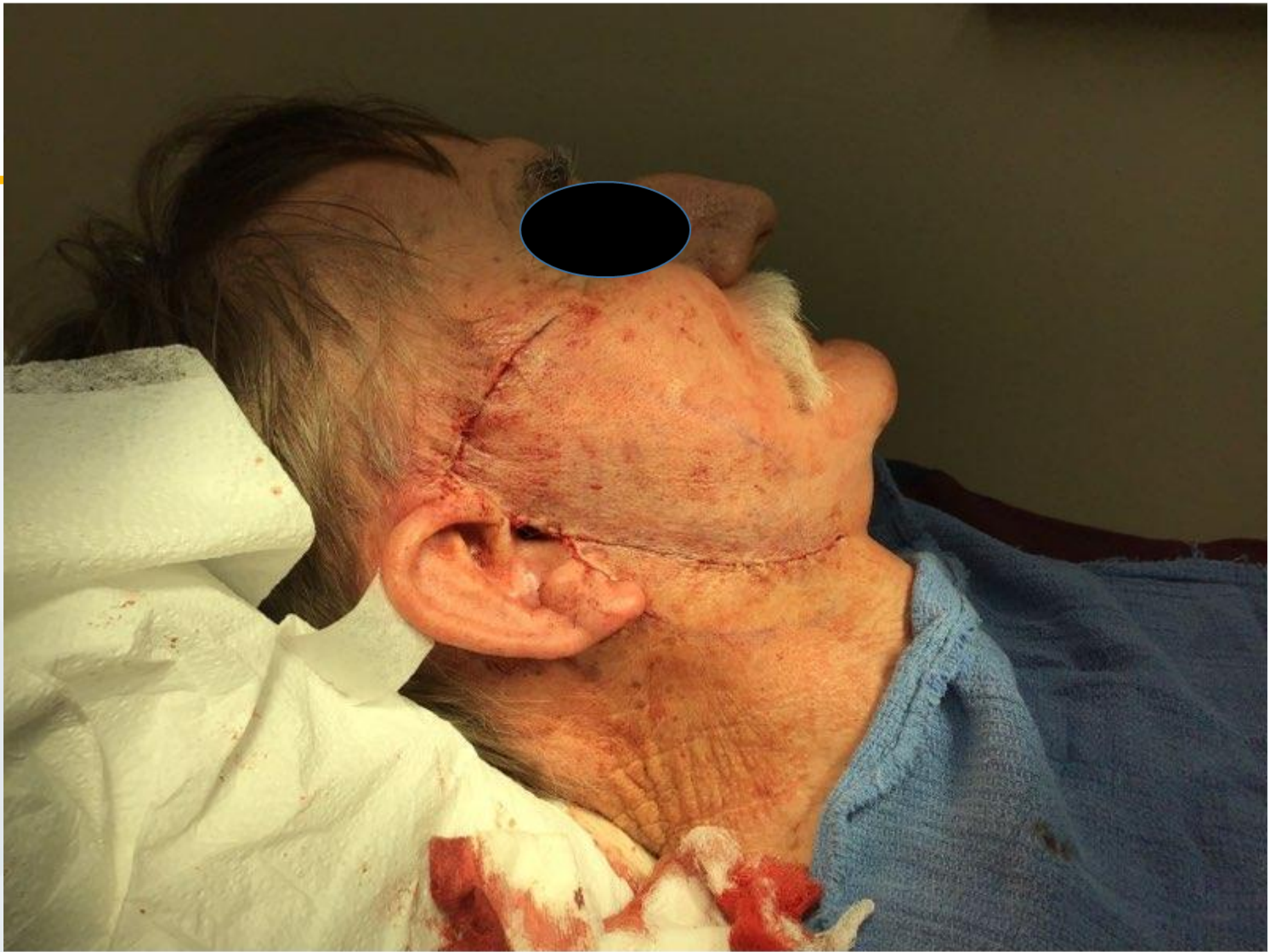
















**Dermatopathology Report**

Specimen: 1. Left forearm 2. Right dorsal hand  
Clinical Data: 1-2, SCC

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**Diagnosis:**

**1. SKIN, LEFT FOREARM, BIOPSY:**  
- BASAL CELL CARCINOMA, INFILTRATIVE/NODULAR TYPE, (THE LESION EXTENDS TO PERIPHERAL AND DEEP MARGINS).

**2. SKIN, RIGHT DORSAL HAND, BIOPSY:**  
- BASAL CELL CARCINOMA, NODULAR TYPE, ULCERATED, (THE LESION EXTENDS TO PERIPHERAL AND DEEP MARGINS).

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**CLINICAL DATA:**

Procedure: Biopsy by shave method H and E.  
Morphology: Papule.  
DDX: Neoplasm of uncertain behavior.  
Notes: Rule out BCC.

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**FINAL DIAGNOSIS (Microscopic):**

**Left proximal dorsal forearm:  
Dermal scar and basal cell carcinoma, superficial and infiltrative type, extending to the base.**

*- Mohs*

**GROSS:**

The container is labeled with the patient's name (initials GH) and "left proximal dorsal forearm". The container is filled with formalin and the specimen consists of a 1.0 x 0.9 x 0.1 cm shave of white skin, inked black, serially sectioned and submitted entirely in 1A.

(Specimen grossing/histology performed at Sierra Pathology Lab, Inc., 305 Park Creek Dr., Clovis CA 93611, Daniel A. Cortez, M.D., Medical Director)

Final Diagnosis performed by Adnan Mubasher M.D., Electronically Signed 4/19/2023 at 2:42 PM. Contact number (559) 326-2804  
Pathologist  
(Sierra Pathology Laboratory, 305 Park Creek Dr., Clovis CA 93611, Daniel A. Cortez M.D., Medical Director)

ICD Codes: C44.619





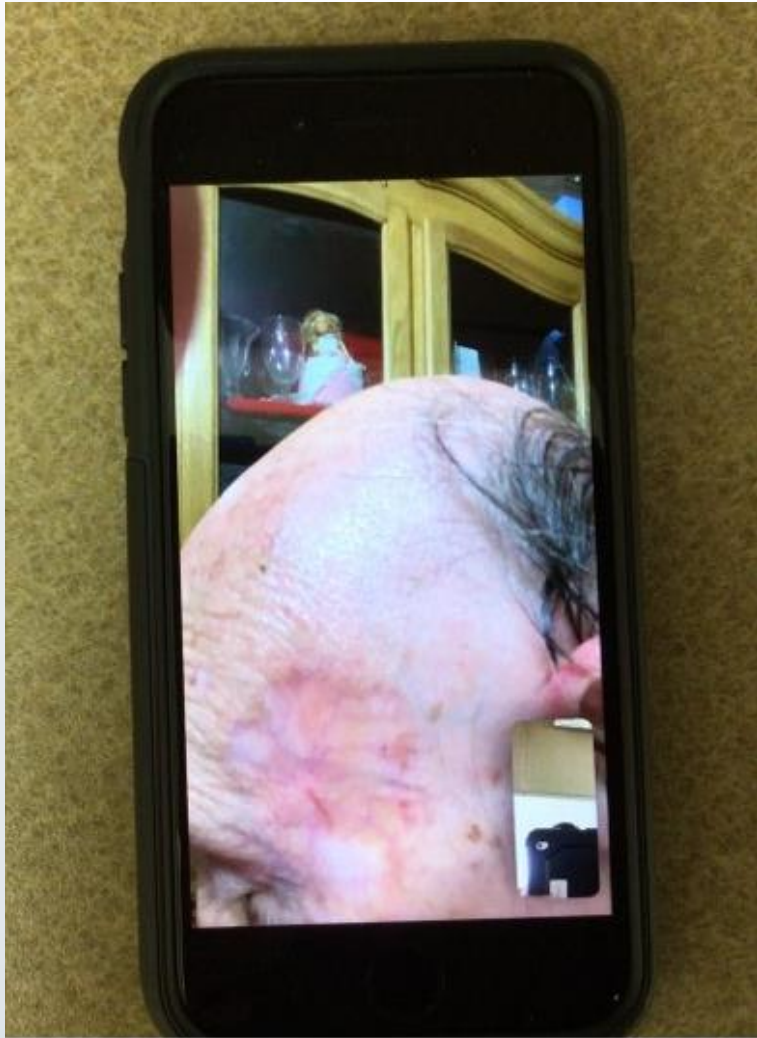


CLINICAL DATA: R/O BCC, SCC, OTHERS

DIAGNOSIS: INFILTRATIVE BASAL CELL CARCINOMA WITH KERATINIZATION, EXTENDING TO THE TISSUE EDGES (C44.319)  
(LEFT TEMPLE)

SPECIMEN SITE: LEFT TEMPLE







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45 yo M with  
a firm mass  
on the left  
shoulder for  
years







## DERMATOPATHOLOGY CONSULTATION

### SPECIMEN SUBMITTED:

Left anterior shoulder

### CLINICAL DATA:

Procedure: Excision.

Morphology: Suspicious irregular multi-colored papule.

DDX: Metastatic melanoma.

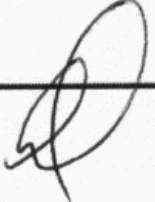
Notes: Please check margins. Large piece, see previous path report, see pictures, rule out metastatic melanoma.

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### FINAL DIAGNOSIS (Microscopic):

Left anterior shoulder:

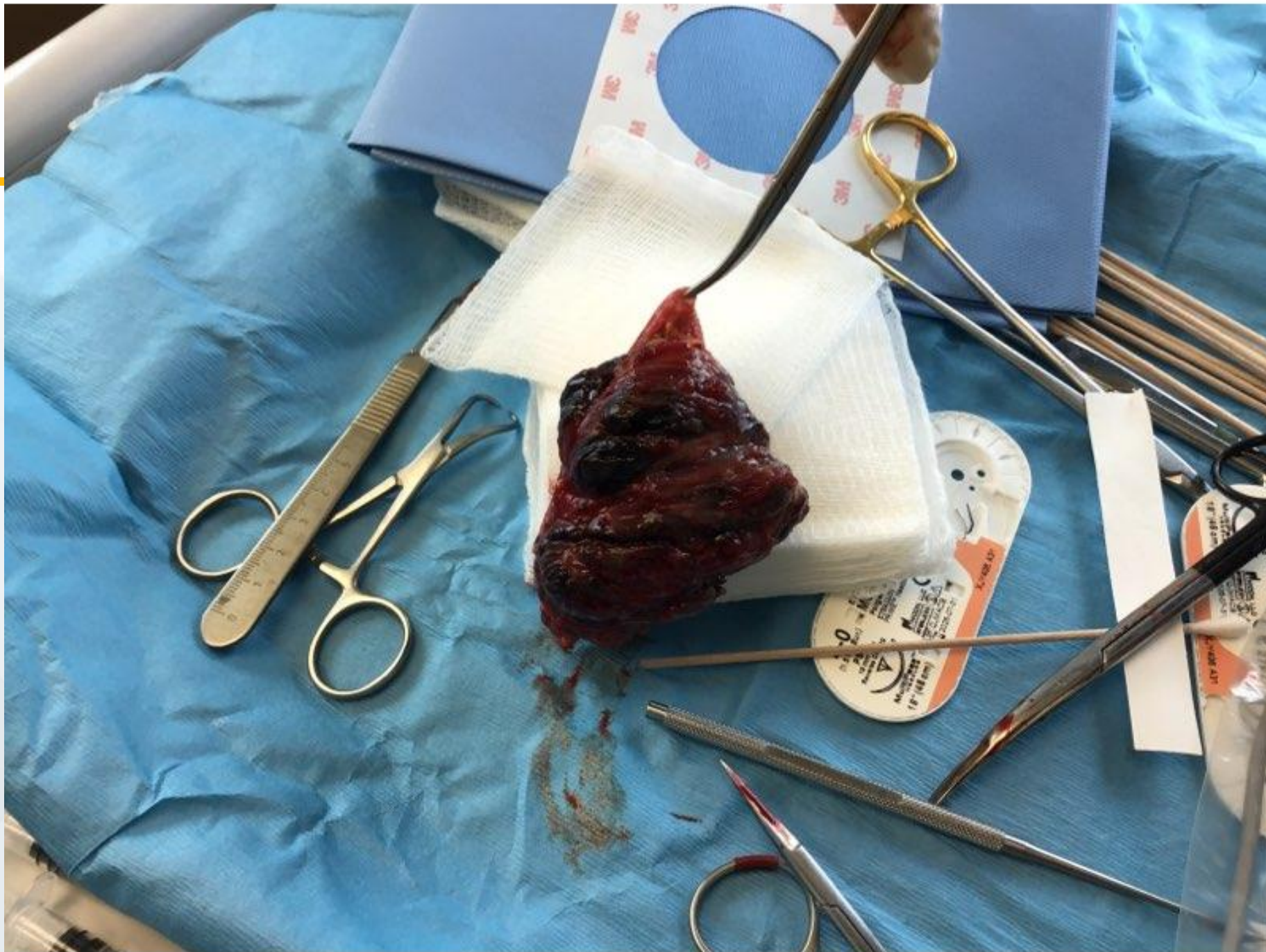
- Metastatic melanoma, involving the dermis, subcutis, and skeletal muscle.
  - Positive deep margin.
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- Refer to Hem/Onc.









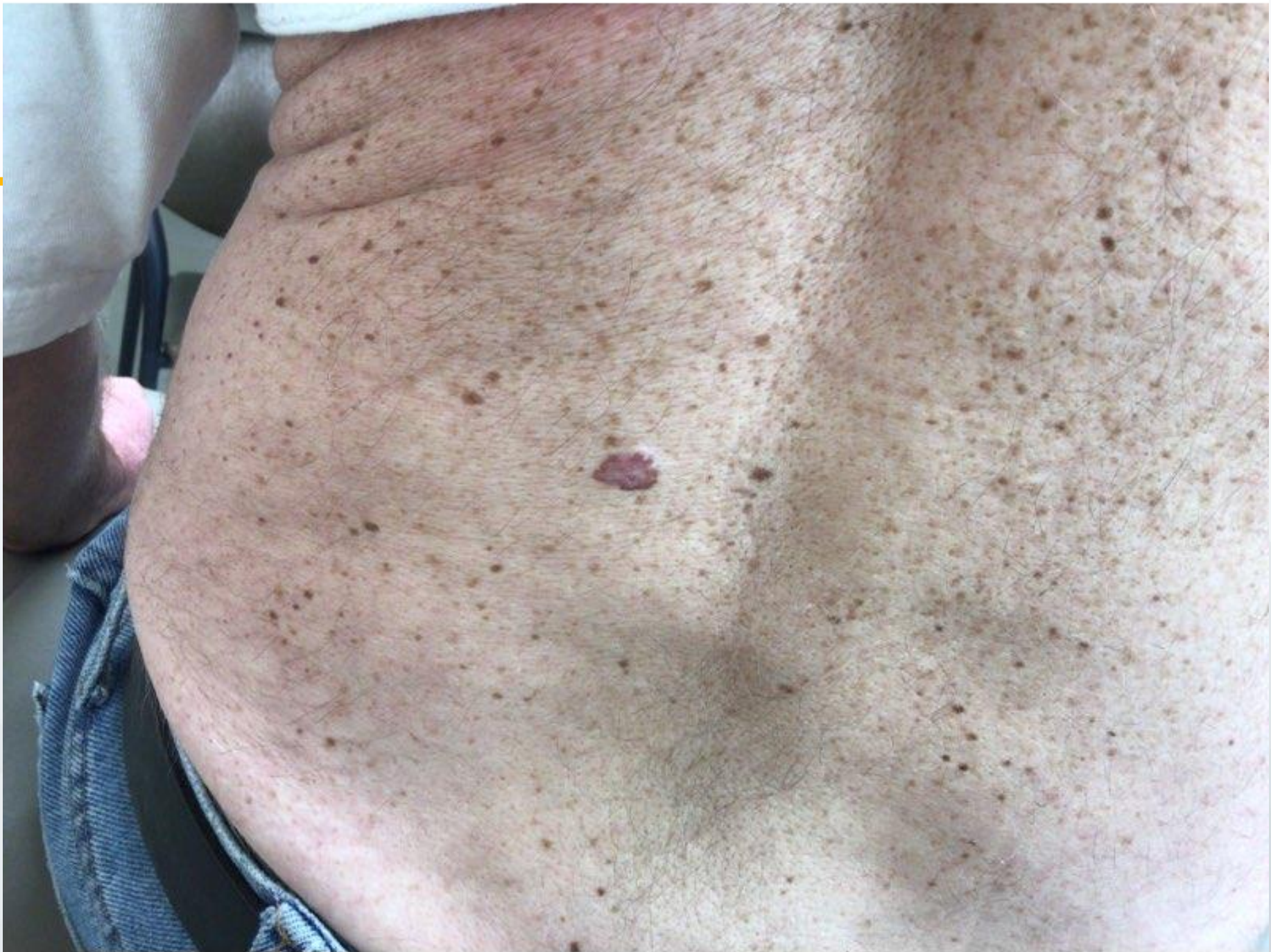


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59 yo M with  
inflamed cyst to  
the R flank for 2  
months. ATB x2  
w/o significant  
improvement









## DERMATOPATHOLOGY CONSULTATION

### SPECIMEN SUBMITTED:

1. Left inferior medial mid back
2. Right superior lateral lower back

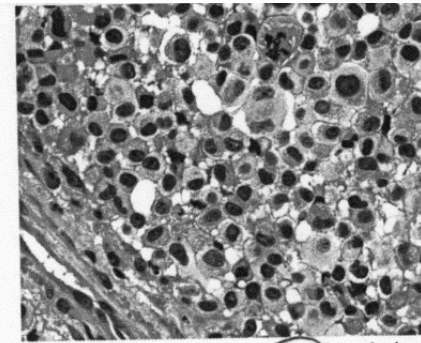
### CLINICAL DATA:

Procedure: (1) Biopsy by shave method H and E. (2) Punch excision.

DDX: (1) Neoplasm of uncertain behavior vs melanoma.

(2) Neoplasm of uncertain behavior vs cyst.

Notes: (2) Please check margins. Rule out cyst.



D21-00748-2: Right superior lateral lower back:

### FINAL DIAGNOSIS (Microscopic):

#### 1. Left inferior medial mid back:

- a. Invasive melanoma with extensive regression, negative for ulceration, Breslow depth 0.98 mm, pT1b. (See COMMENT).
- b. Margins narrowly negative for melanoma.
- c. Suspicious for lymphatic invasion.
- d. For additional information see synoptic summary at the end of the report.

**COMMENT:** Sections demonstrate a highly atypical confluent lentiginous nested in situ component with prominent pagetoid upward scatter. There is extensive fibrillary fibrosis, sparse chronic inflammation, and a possible focal residual an invasive component, consistent with extensive regression. Beneath the area of regression is a proliferation of nevoid cells which track along a hair follicle to the deep margin, consistent with congenital pattern melanocytic nevus. Dermal mitoses are not identified. Due to extensive regression the Breslow depth and mitotic count may be underestimated.

#### 2. Right superior lateral lower back:

Metastatic melanoma with necrosis, margins positive. (See COMMENT).

**COMMENT:** Sections demonstrate deep dermal involvement by malignant epithelioid and nevoid melanocytes with enlarged irregular hyperchromatic nuclei, prominent nucleoli and abundant eosinophilic cytoplasm. Numerous mitoses are present with some atypical mitoses. There is no connection to the overlying epidermis, consistent with metastasis.

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Efi  
Refer  
Henn / 2









# Summary

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- Biopsies are simple and inexpensive procedures
- Clinico-pathological correlation
- When in doubt, refer to Derm for a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion

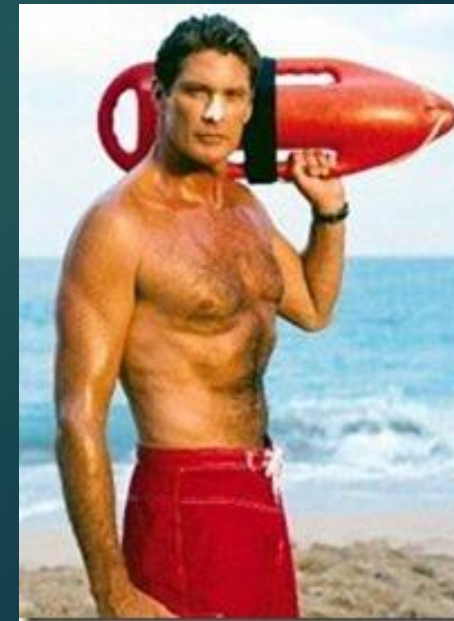




# Dermatology CME



Greg Simpson MD



# Disclosures



- ▶ I do not have any relevant financial endorsements to disclose.
- ▶ I will be talking about the off label use of many medications

# Overview



Skin Types

Skin of Color

Differential Generator

Interesting cases

# Fitzpatrick Scale Explained



Type I

Type II

Type III

Type IV

Type V

Type VI

Light, Pale  
White

White, Fair

Medium White  
to Olive

Olive Tone

Light Brown

Dark Brown

Always burns,  
never tans

Usually burns,  
tans with  
difficulty

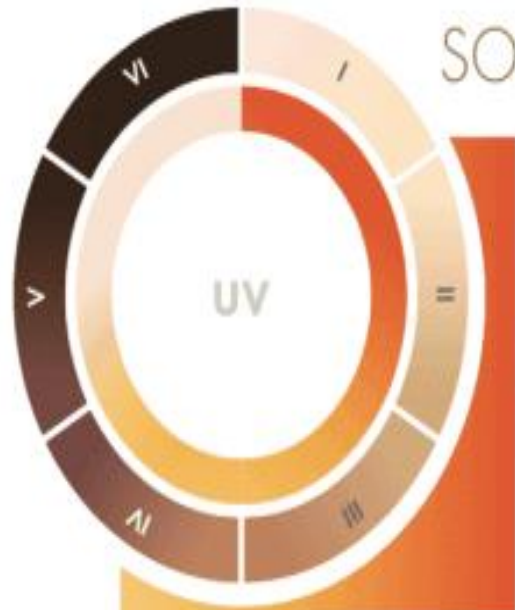
Sometimes mild  
burn, gradually  
tans to olive

Rarely burns,  
tans with ease  
to moderate brown

Very rarely burns,  
tans very easily

Never burns,  
tans very easily,  
deeply pigmented

## SO WHAT'S YOUR **SKIN TYPE**?



**SKIN TYPE VI**

skin color before exposure:  
deeply pigmented dark brown to darkest brown

skin reaction to sun:  
never freckles, never burns, always tans



**SKIN TYPE V**

skin color before exposure:  
dark brown

skin reaction to sun:  
rarely freckles, almost never burns, always tans



**SKIN TYPE IV**

skin color before exposure:  
olive or light brown

skin reaction to sun:  
doesn't really freckle, burns rarely, often tans



**SKIN TYPE III**

skin color before exposure:  
fair to beige, with golden undertones

skin reaction to sun:  
might freckle, burns on occasion, sometimes tans



**SKIN TYPE II**

skin color before exposure:  
fair or pale

skin reaction to sun:  
usually freckles, often burns/peels, rarely tans



**SKIN TYPE I**

skin color before exposure:  
ivory

skin reaction to sun:  
always freckles, always burns/peels, never tans

# Why?

- ▶ Skin Cancer risk
- ▶ Assess Photosensitivity



Vitiligo use Fitzpatrick type 1

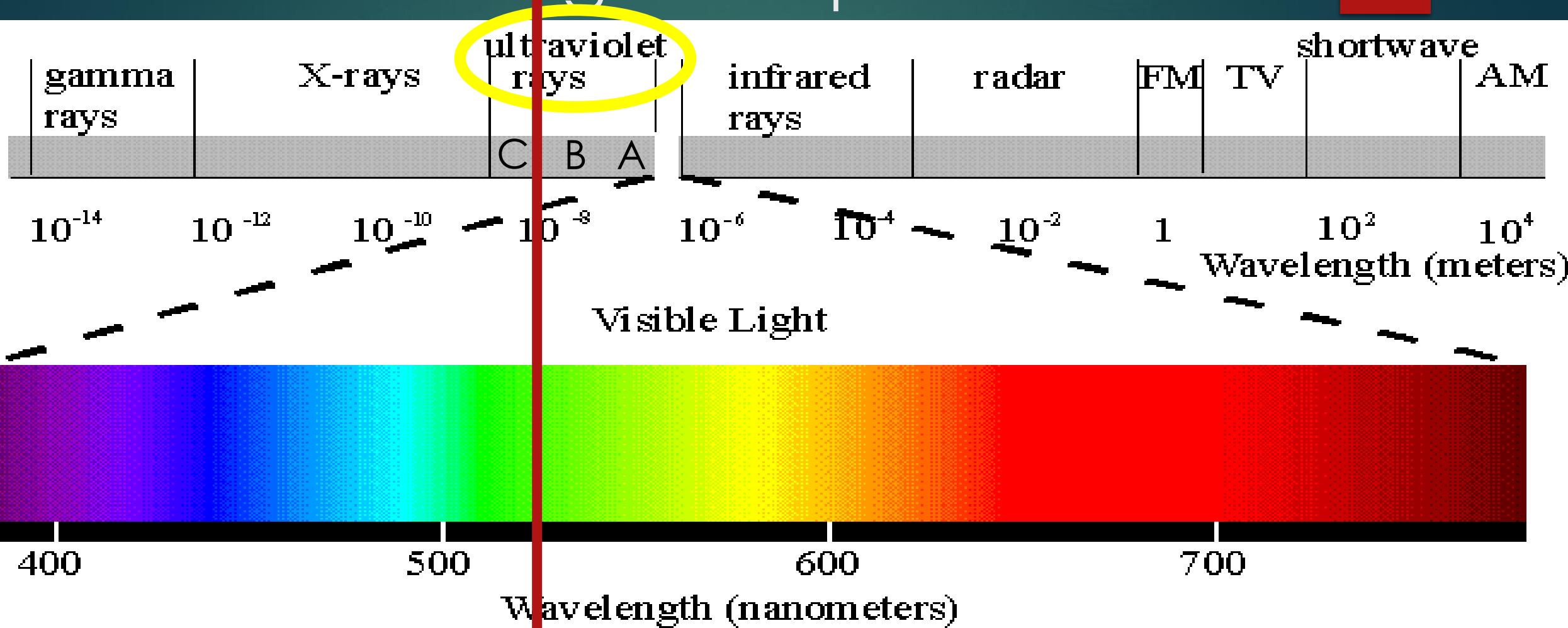
## Initial NB UVB Dosing based on Fitzpatrick Skin Type

Fitzpatrick Skin Type	Tanning Response	Initial NB UVB Dose
I	Always burns, never tans	100 mJ
II	Usually burn, tans with difficulty	220 mJ
III	Sometimes mild burn, tan average	260 mJ
IV	Rarely burns, tans with ease	330 mJ
V	Very rarely burns, tans very easily	350 mJ
VI	No burn, tans very easily	400 mJ



NBUBB= 311-312 NM

# Electromagnetic spectrum



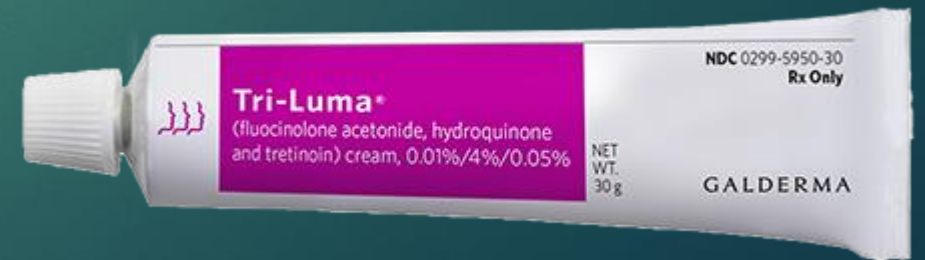
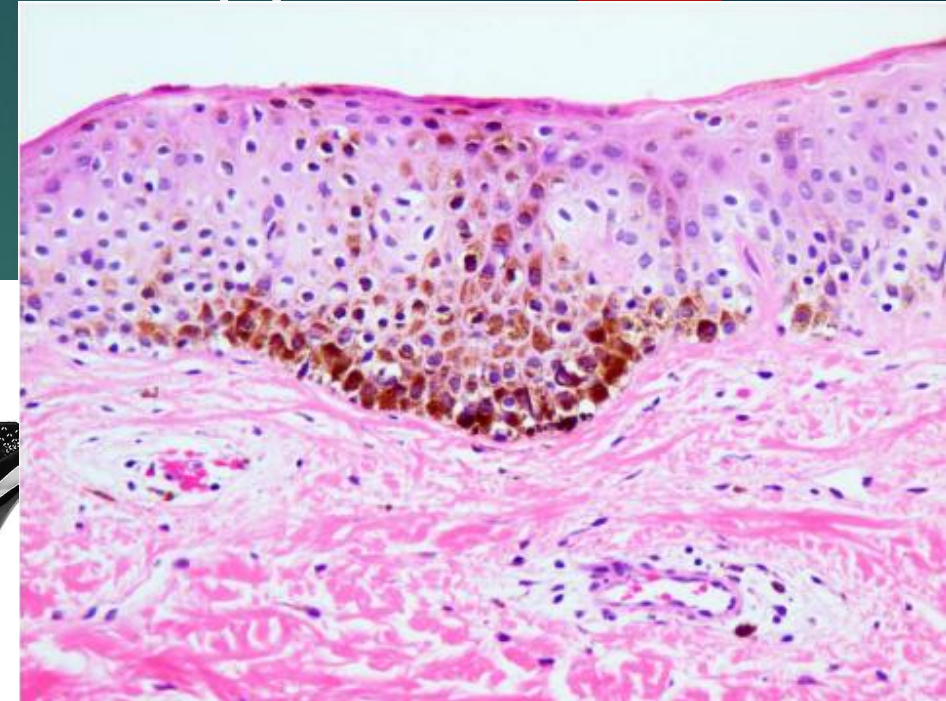
# Post-inflammatory pigment change





# Melasma (Mask of pregnancy)

- ▶ Genetics, Hormones, Sun exposure
- ▶ SUN PROTECTION!!!!
- ▶ Hydroquinone (2% OTC, stronger Rx)
- ▶ Tretinoin
- ▶ Mild steroids
- ▶ Azeleic Acid, Kojic Acid, antioxidants, etc
- ▶ chemical peel, microdermabrasion, dermabrasion, laser treatment, microneedling





# Acanthosis nigricans

- ▶ Obesity
- ▶ Insulin Resistance
- ▶ Genetics/Syndromes
- ▶ Cancer?

## Syndromes Associated With Acanthosis Nigricans

Acromegaly  
Alstrom telangiectasia  
Barter syndrome  
Beare-Stevenson syndrome  
Benign encephalopathy  
Bloom syndrome  
Capozucca syndrome  
Chondrodystrophy with dwarfism  
Costello syndrome  
Crouzon syndrome  
Dermatomyositis  
Familial pineal body hypertrophy  
Gigantism  
Hashimoto thyroiditis  
Hirschowitz syndrome  
Lawrence-Moon-Bardet syndrome  
Lawrence-Seip syndrome  
Lipoatrophic diabetes mellitus  
Lupoid hepatitis  
Lupus erythematosus  
Phenylketonuria  
Pituitary hypogonadism  
Pseudoacromegaly  
Prader-Willi syndrome  
Pyramidal tract degeneration  
Rud syndrome  
Scleroderma  
Stein-Leventhal syndrome  
Type A syndrome (HAIR-AN syndrome)  
Werner syndrome  
Wilson syndrome

## Malignant Diseases Associated With Acanthosis Nigricans

Bile duct cancer  
Bladder cancer  
Breast cancer  
Colon cancer  
Endometrial cancer  
Esophageal cancer  
Gallbladder cancer  
Hodgkin disease  
Kidney cancer  
Liver cancer  
Lung cancer  
Mycosis fungoides  
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma  
Ovarian cancer  
Pancreatic cancer  
Pheochromocytoma  
Prostate cancer  
Rectal cancer  
Testicular cancer  
Thyroid cancer  
Wilms tumor

# Confluent and reticulated papillomatosis



- ▶ *Dietzia papillomatosis* is an aerobic, Gram-positive coccus or short rod belonging to the group of actinomycetes

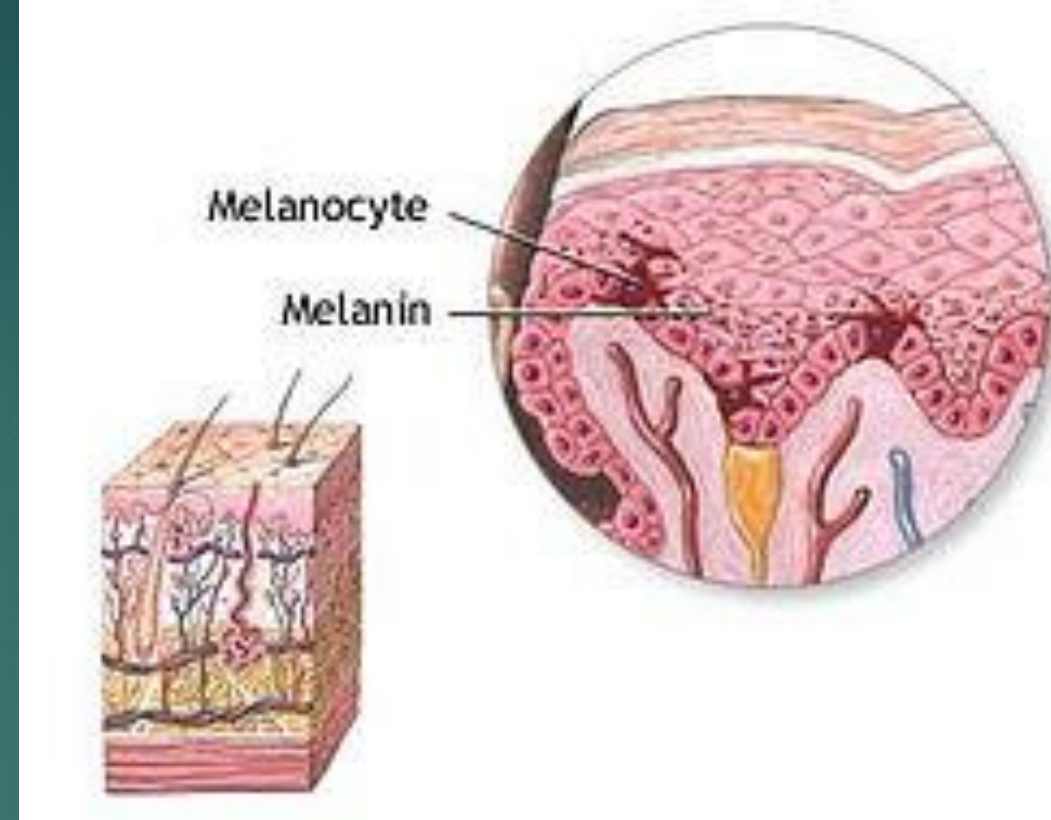






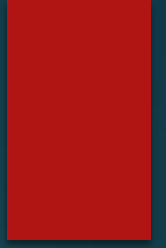
# Vitiligo

- ▶ Autoimmune condition
- ▶ Destruction of melanocytes
- ▶ Can be reversible
- ▶ At risk for other auto-immune conditions- thyroid, diabetes
- ▶ Treatment: topical steroids, non-steroids, Light therapy (JAK inhibitors?)
- ▶ Depigmentation: Monobenzyl ether of hydroquinone (Benoquin)





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Aside from shaving off the nodules, what else would you do to prevent recurrence of the keloids?

- A. Post-operative radiation
- B. Intralesional triamcinolone
- C. Imiquimod cream qhs
- D. Topical steroid



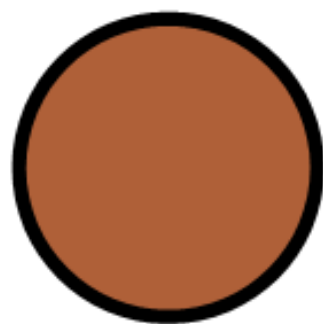
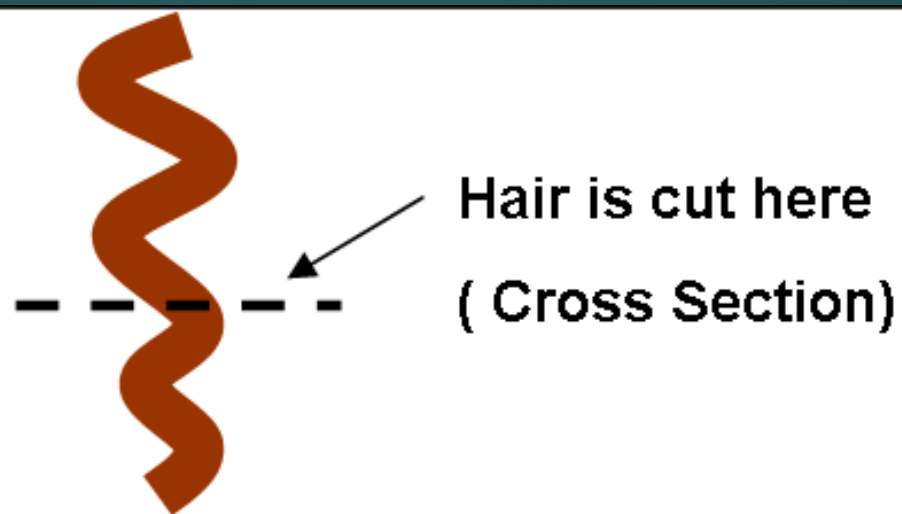
# Acne keloidalis nuchae



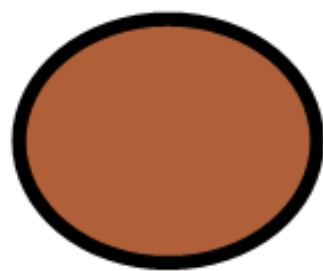
**FIGURE 2.** A) Patient 1: African man with Class I, plaque, negative; B) Patient 2: Hispanic man with Class II, plaque, negative; C) Patient 3: African-American man with Class II, plaque, positive; The patient's extensive folliculitis decalvans (FD) severely restricted scalp laxity that would limit wound contraction after excision of acne keloidalis nuchae (arrows indicate FD).



Figure 1: Pre-operative and post-operative photo progression of Patient #1 with acne keloidalis nuchae.



Asian hair  
Round shape



Caucasian hair  
Slightly less round  
than asian hair



African hair  
Oval or  
elliptical shape.

# Pseudofolliculitis Barbae



















# Differential Diagnosis

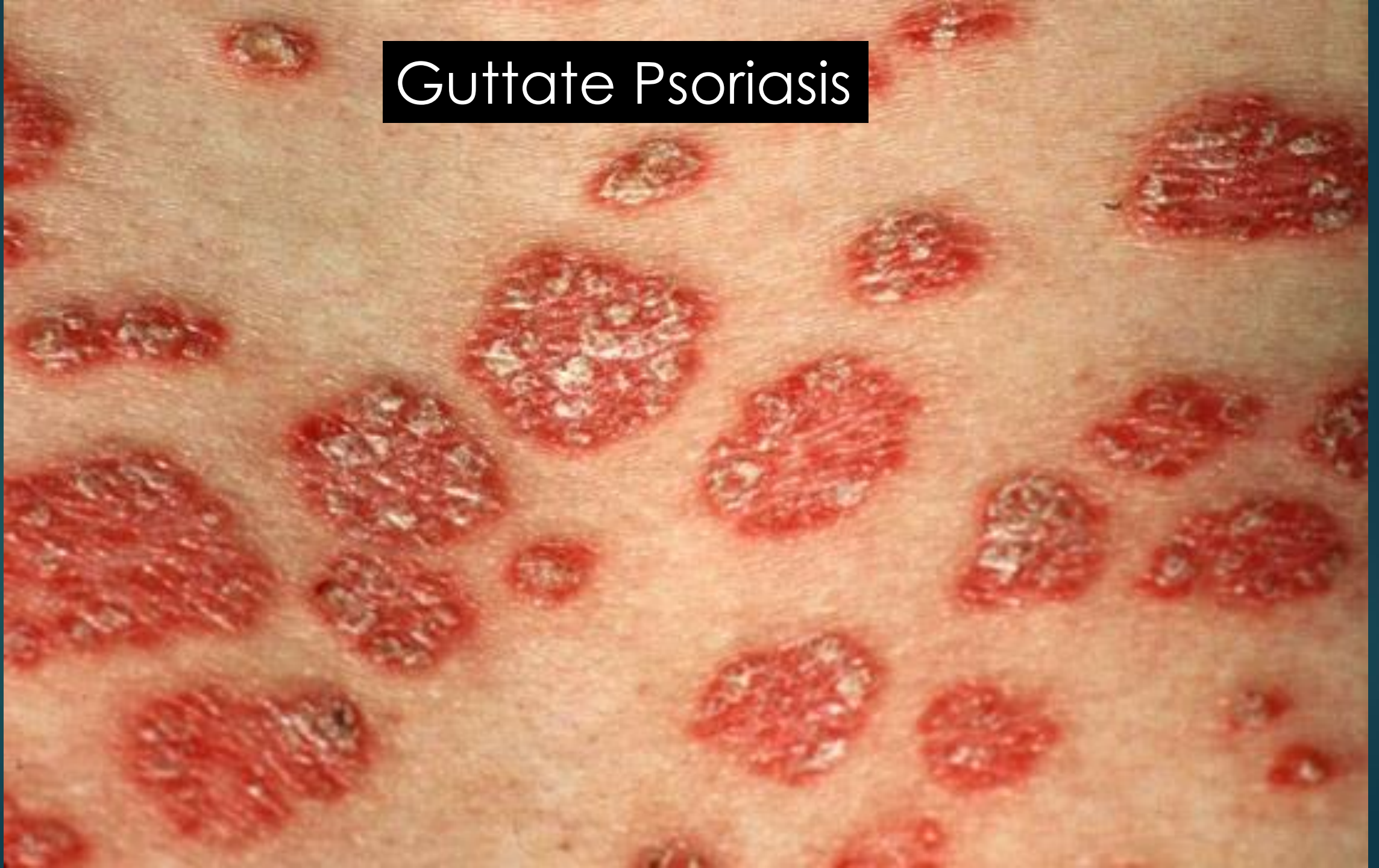
- ▶ Guttate psoriasis
- ▶ Nummular eczema
- ▶ Granuloma annulare
- ▶ Tinea corporis
- ▶ Urticaria
- ▶ Pityriasis rosea

# Nummular Eczema





# Guttate Psoriasis



# Tinea Corporis



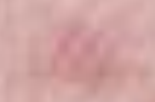
# Granuloma Annulare



# Urticaria



# Pityriasis Rosea



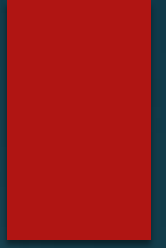
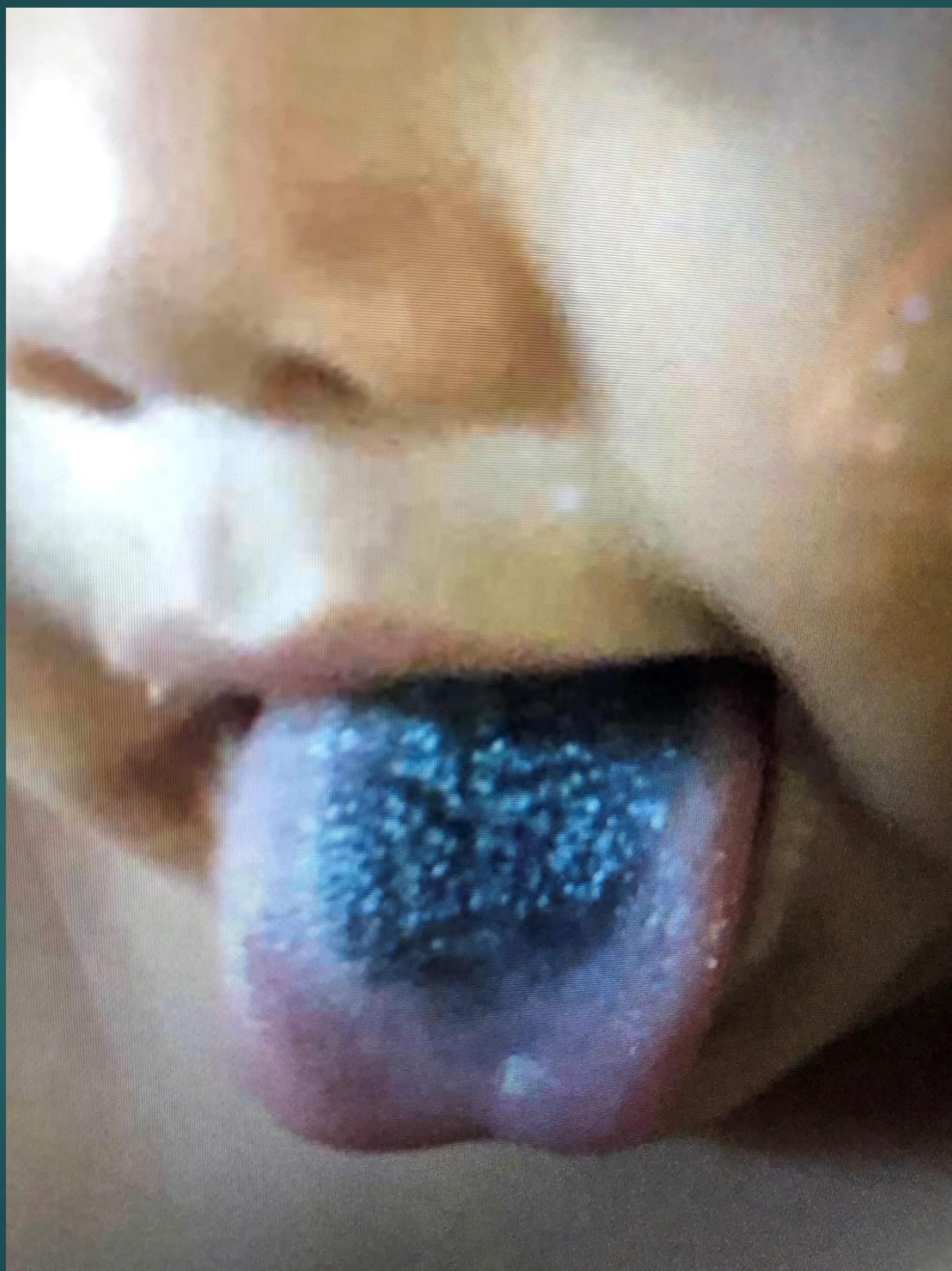
# Tinea Corporis















# BORN WITH ALBINISM



# Conclusions

- ▶ Fitzpatrick skin types
- ▶ Prevention of rash=Prevent pigment change
- ▶ Hypopigmented vs Depigmented
- ▶ Sun Protection
- ▶ Differentials

▶ Luis Dehesa   Sheila Mayo   Greg Simpson   David Mapes



# Thank you

