

Asymmetrical Pigmented Lesion with High Clinical Suspicion for Melanoma

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> PATIENT HISTORY

A 27-year-old female patient was seen by a primary care physician who recommended follow-up with a dermatologist for assessment of a concerning melanocytic lesion. Family history of melanoma and pancreatic cancer.

> CLINICAL DESCRIPTION

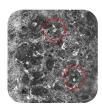
A 6 mm asymmetrical lesion on back. Blue color and round structures visualized by dermoscopy and confocal microscopy.

CLINICAL DIFFERNTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Melanoma in-situ
- Malignant melanoma
- Regression of atypical nevus







> HISTOPATHOLOGICAL FINDNGS

It was noted in the pathology report that there were suspicious, atypical findings including focal confluence of nests, areas of irregular epidermal distribution of melanocytes, and dense inflammation.

DIAGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATION PRIOR TO TESTING

A final diagnosis of melanocytic nevus, compound type, with atypical features, dense inflammation, and fibrosis was rendered by the dermatopathologist with recommendation for clinical follow-up.







WHY WAS THE TEST ORDERED?

Clinical findings were highly suspicious for malignancy, but pathology was not diagnostic for melanoma. The inconsistency between clinical and pathological findings left the treatment plan in question.





> TEST RESULT

MyPath Melanoma resulted in a gene expression profile suggestive of a malignant neoplasm.



> IMPACT TO PATIENT CARE

Following the MyPath Melanoma test result, the treatment plan was modified to include re-excision and quarterly follow-up. An addendum to the pathology report was issued noting that while not definitive, the histopathological findings could not exclude melanoma in-situ arising within a nevus.

A follow-up skin check at four months revealed an additional melanoma and two evolving pigmented nevi under close monitoring with dermoscopy.

