

ABCDE signs of melanoma

A - Asymmetry

The two halves of the mole have different shapes.



B - Border

The edge of the mole is irregular. It may look blurred, ragged, or notched. Pigment may spread into the skin around the mole.



C - Colour

The colour of the mole is uneven. The mole may have different shades of tan, brown, and black, sometimes with blue, gray, red, pink, or white.



D - Diameter

While melanomas are usually greater than 6 mm (the size of a pencil eraser) when diagnosed, they can be smaller.



E - Evolving

The mole has changed in the past few weeks or months. It may be itchy, scaling or bleeding.

Example:

