Introduction

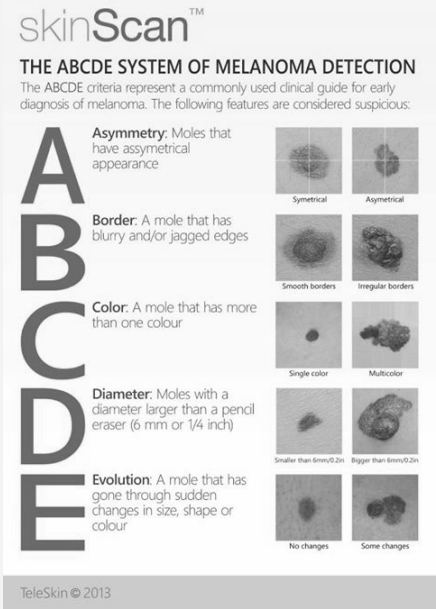
Moles, brown spots and growths on the skin are usually harmless — but not always. Anyone who has more than 100 moles is at greater risk for melanoma. The first signs can appear in one or more atypical moles.

Credit: https://nursestips.com/assessing-moles-malignant-potential-use-the-abcde/

Mnemonic abcde

Assess	Description
a: asymmetry	is the mole irregular in shape?
b: border	is the border irregular, notched, or poorly defined?
c: color	does the color vary (for example, between shades of brown, red, white, blue, or black)?
d: diameter	is the diameter more than 6 mm?
e: evolving	Any change — in size, shape, color, elevation, or another trait, or any new symptom such as bleeding, itching or crusting?

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