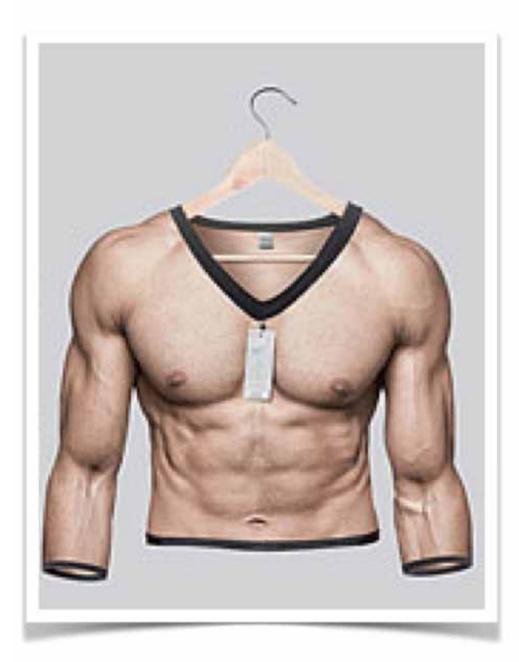
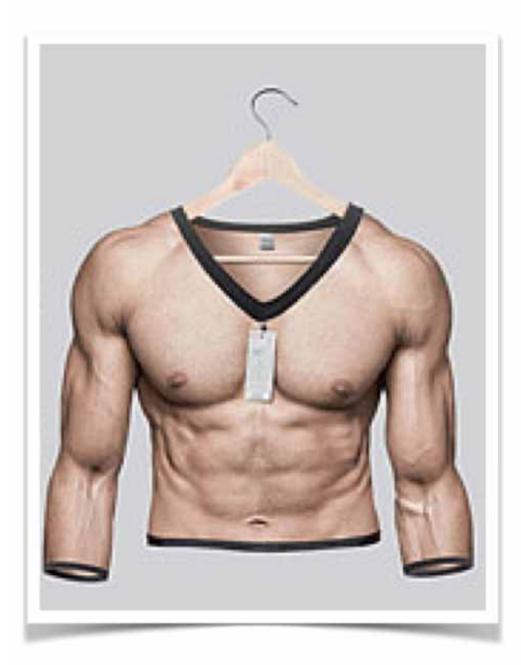
# Melanomi cutanei: approccio diagnostico

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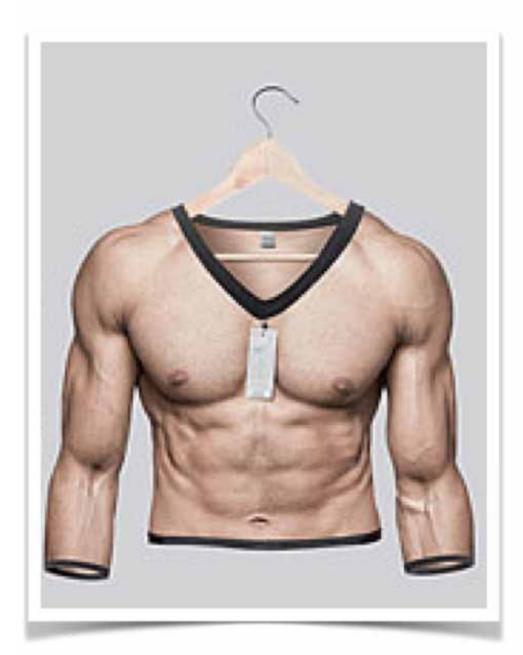
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# "virtual" skin biopsy

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- Dermatoscopy increases the sensitivity of clinical evaluation for MM and has been shown to decrease the number of excised benign lesions
- Total Body Photography helps to detect new/thinner tumors especially in patients with numerous moles
- Confocal microscopy requires specialized training and may be superior to dermatoscopy for the detection of subclinical MM

# DERMOSCOPY



# Dermatoscope

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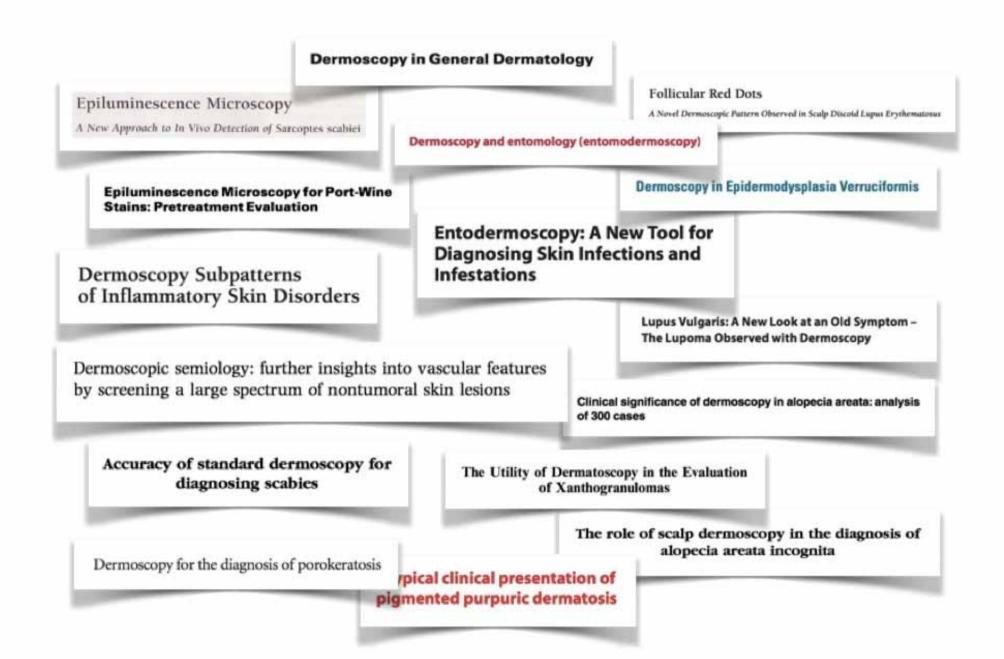
# Stethoscope



# Why method of the millennium

- Cheap (average costs between 500-1000\$)
- Handy (can be easy carried all day)
- Fast (allows examination of all lesions in few minutes)
- High diagnostic accuracy
- High image quality
- Allows documentation via digital photography

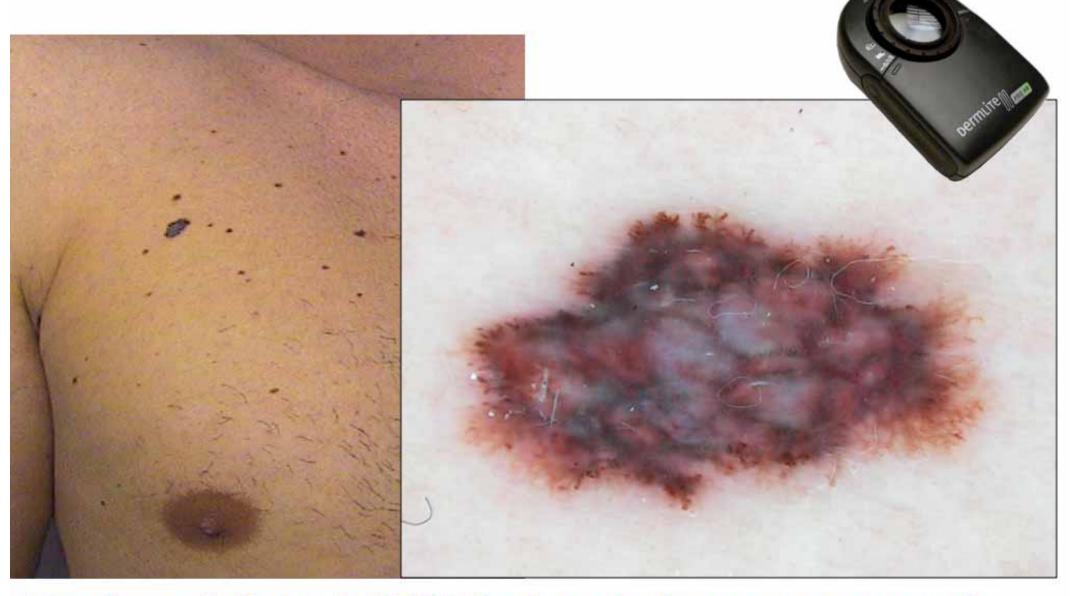
## More than 35 different indications







## **DERMOSCOPY**



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Dermoscopy

Review

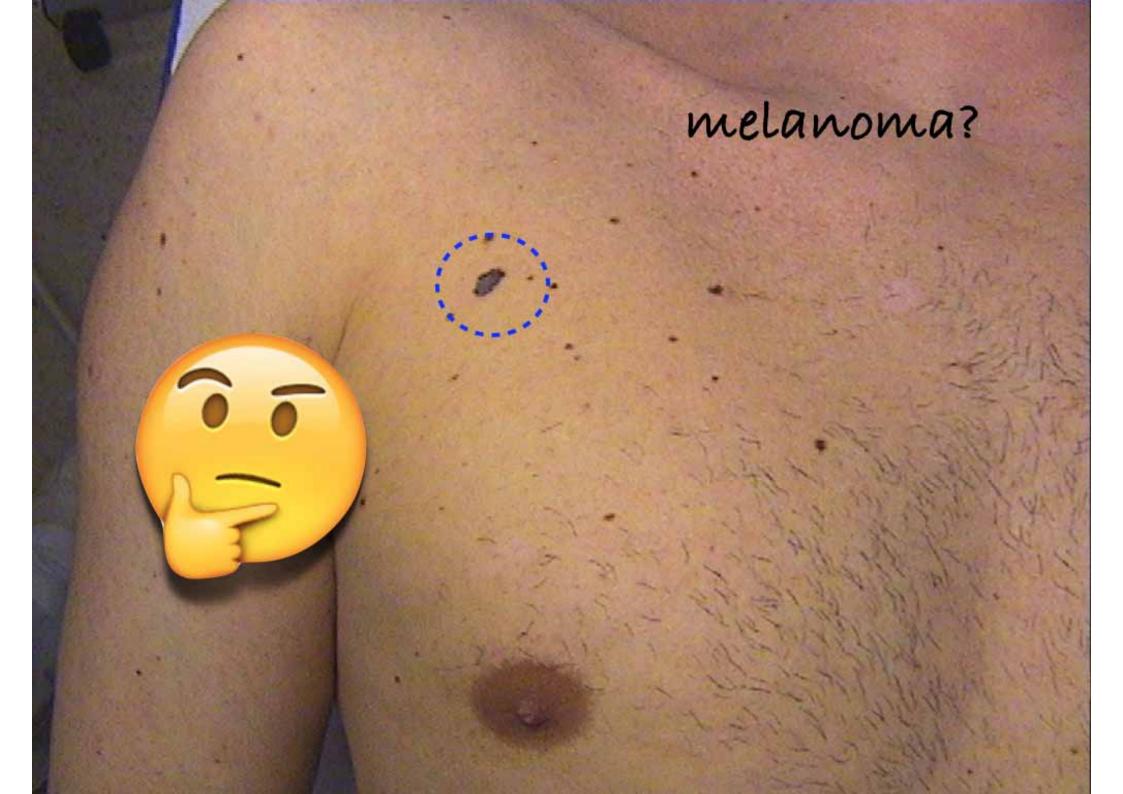
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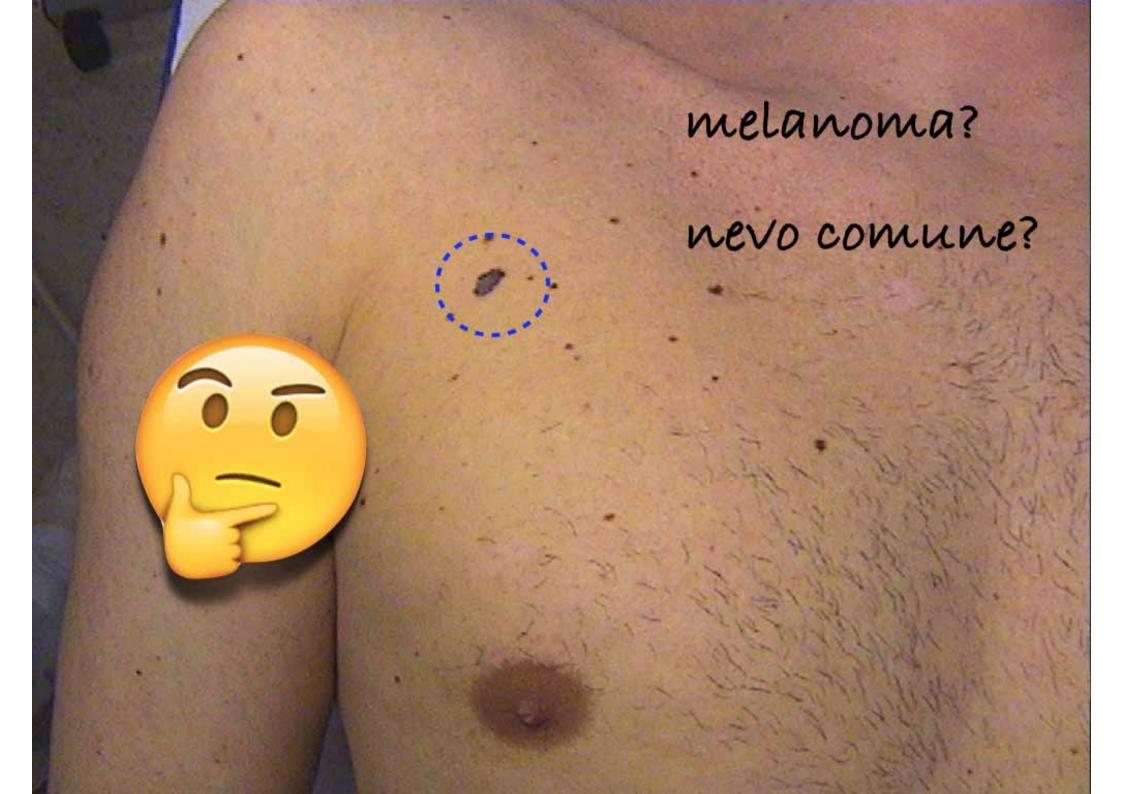
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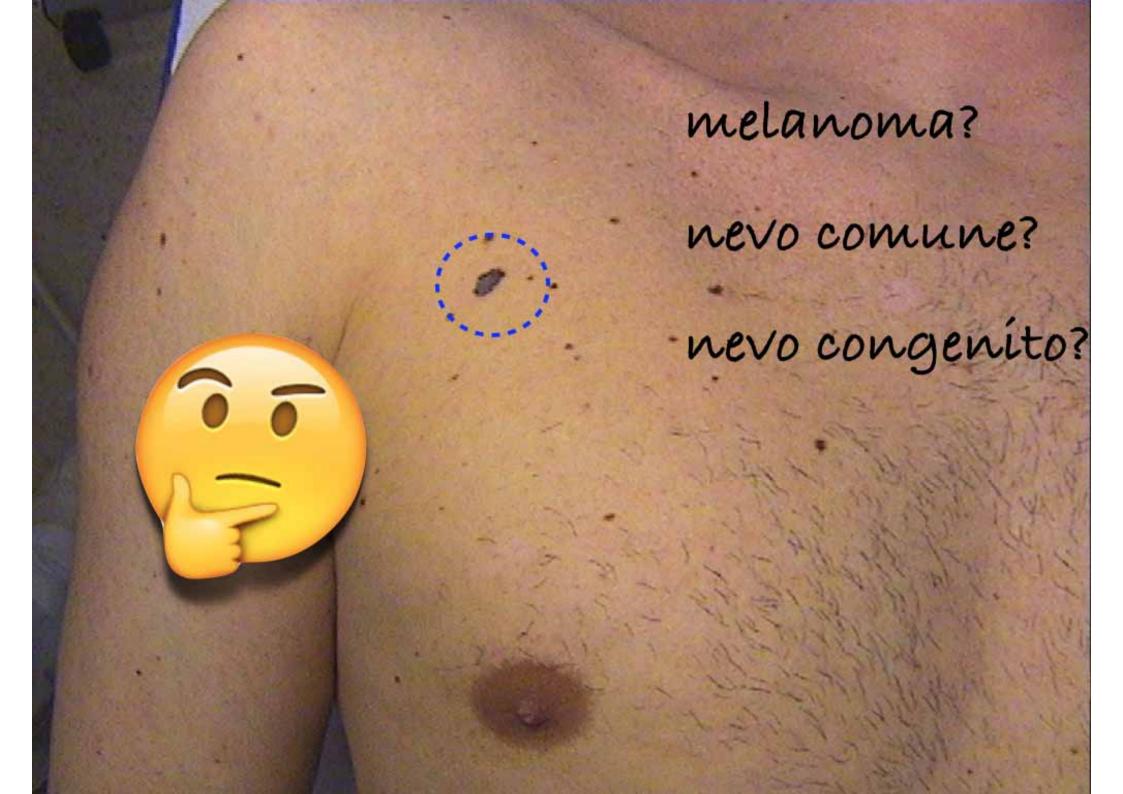
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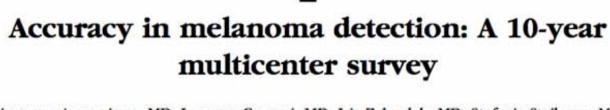








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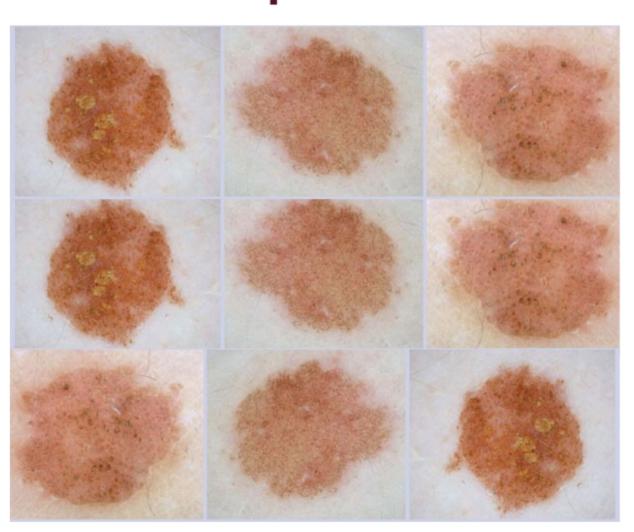
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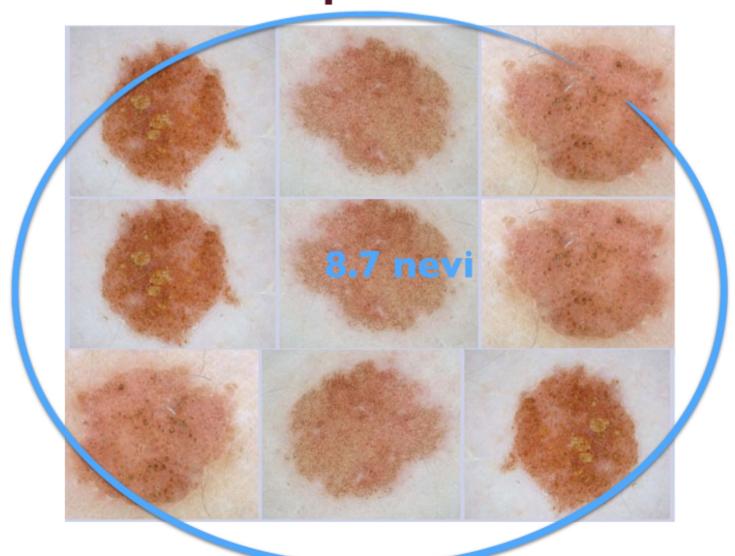
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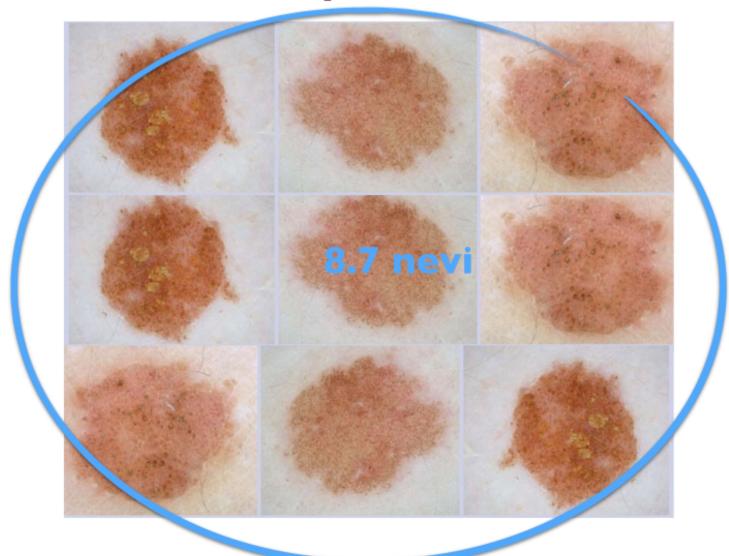
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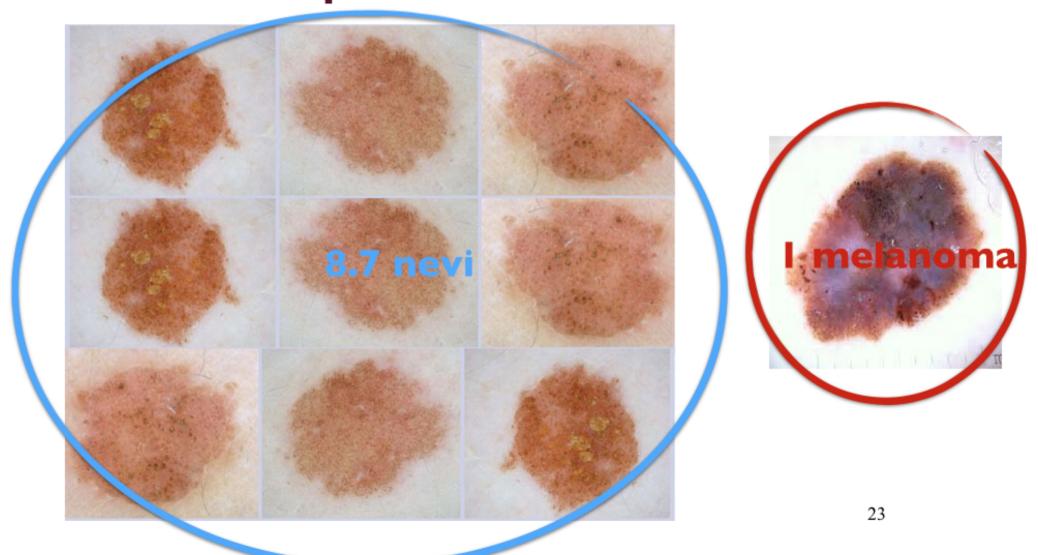


NNE: number needed to excise

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NNE in Non-Specialized Centers: 1:29.4







# DIGITAL DERMOSCOPY MONITORING





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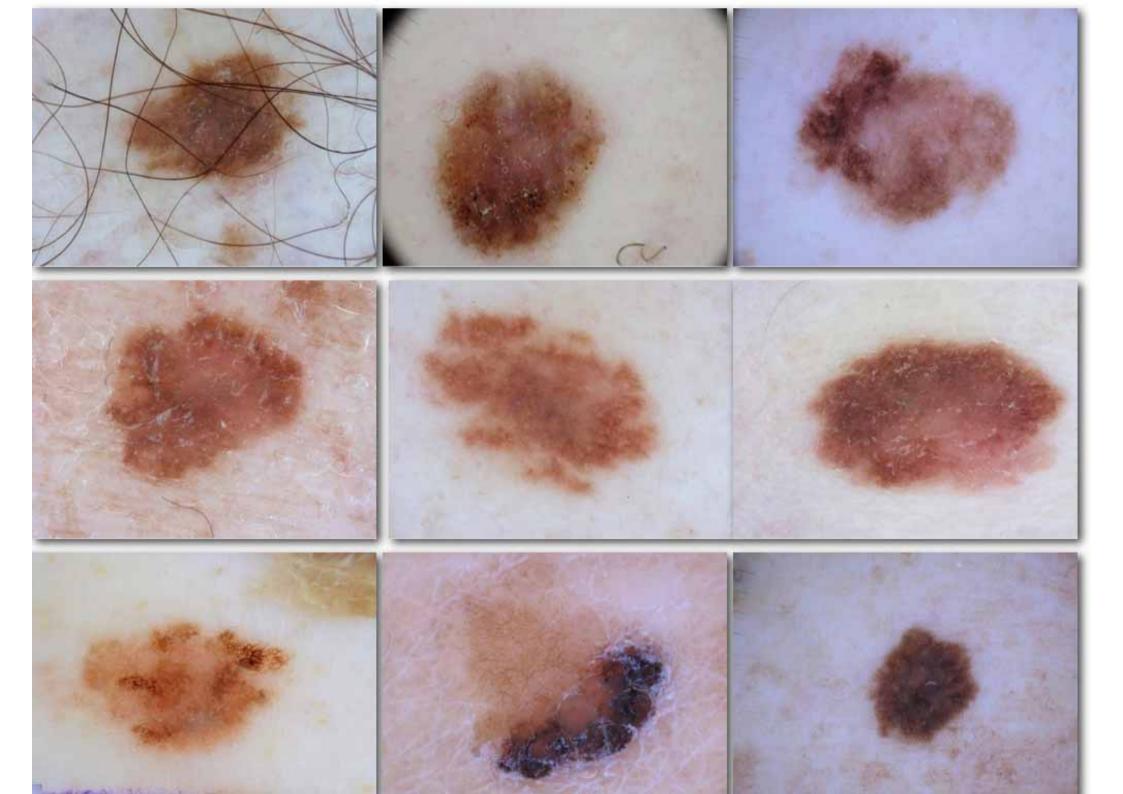


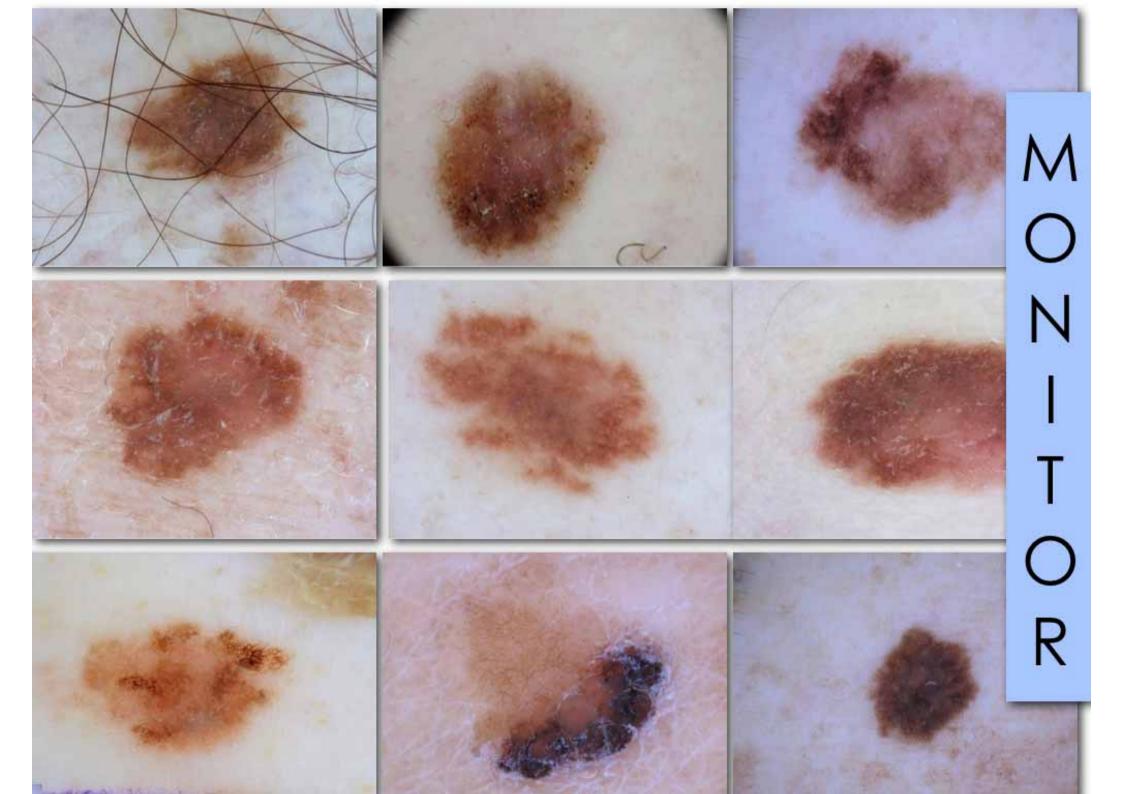
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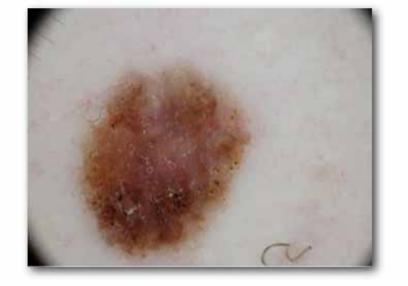
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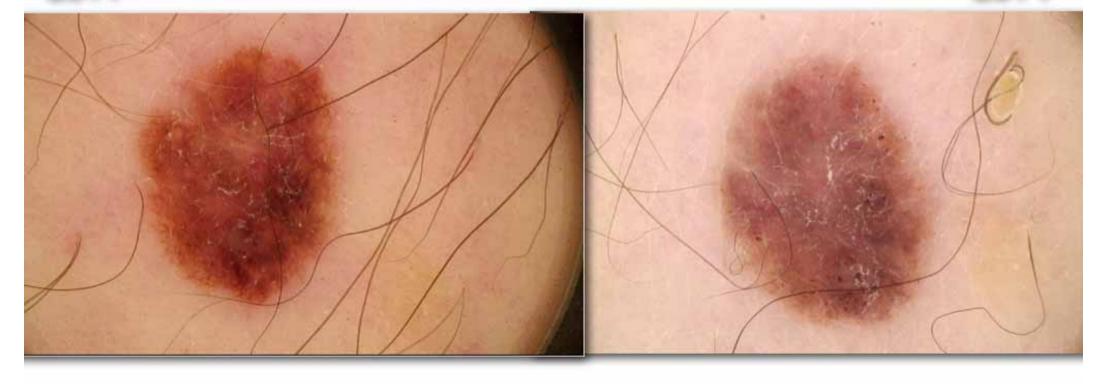












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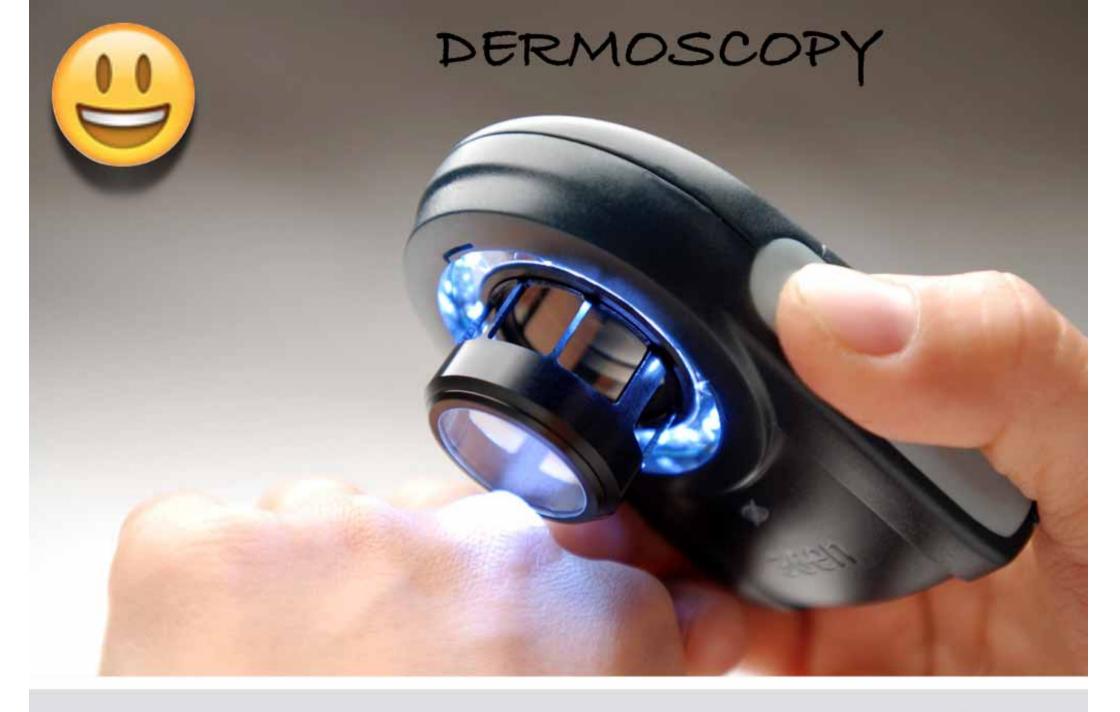
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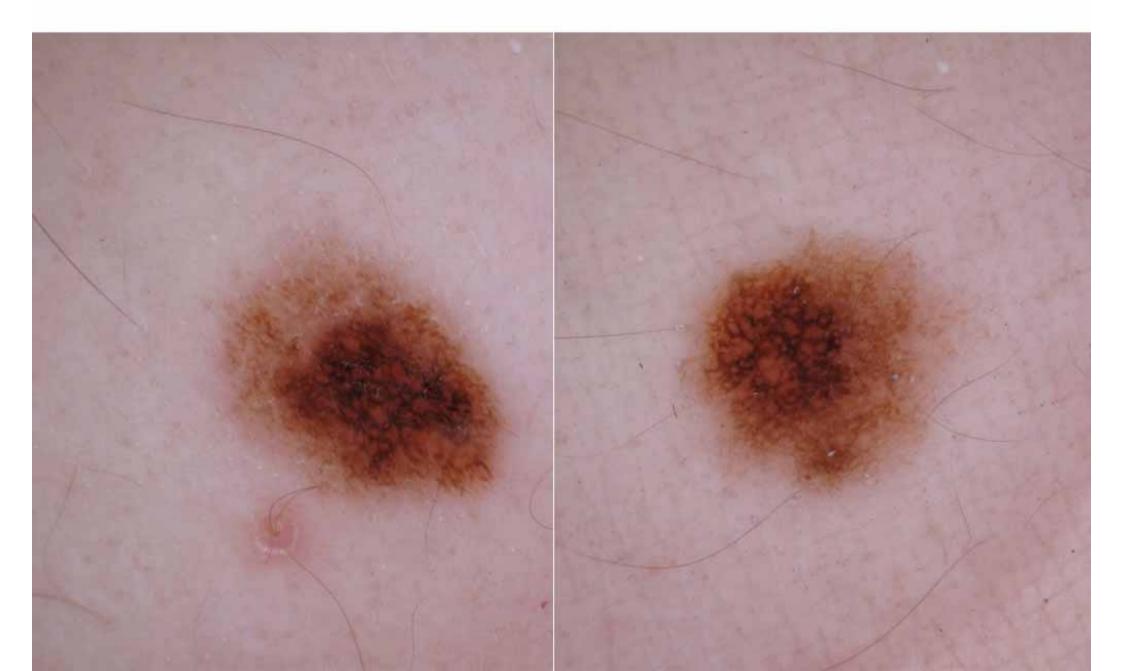
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4.1% of patients
(1.1% of lesions) will
be diagnosed
MELANOMA during
the FOLLOW-UP



1992-----2004

## "FALSE TWINS"



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REFLECTANCE
CONFOCAL
MICROSCOPY



2004-----2016

### Reflectance Confocal Microscopy

Light: Diode Laser 830 nm max power 35 mW

Resolution: Lateral (X-Y) 0.5-1 μm

Axial (Z) 3-4  $\mu$ m

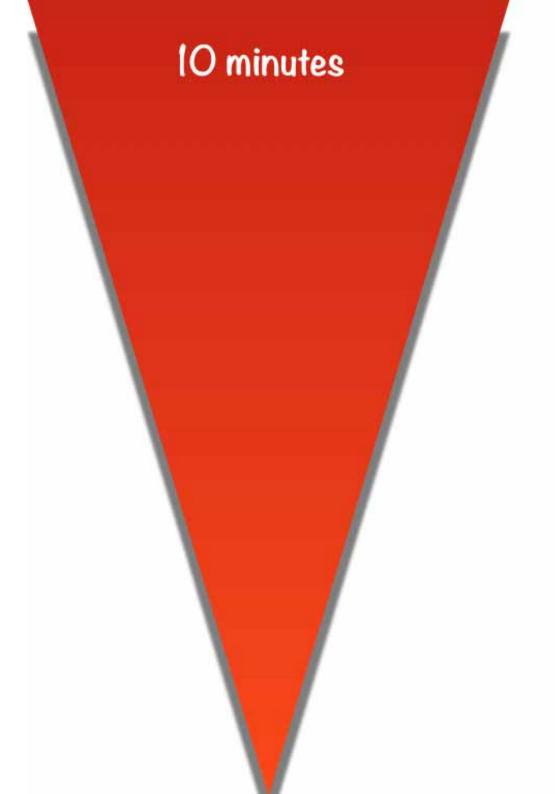
Max depth: 300 μm





in vivo imaging of the skin at cellular level resolution horizontal sections of the skin





# "virtual" biopsy

10 minutes 10 minutes

# "virtual" biopsy

# Diagnosis

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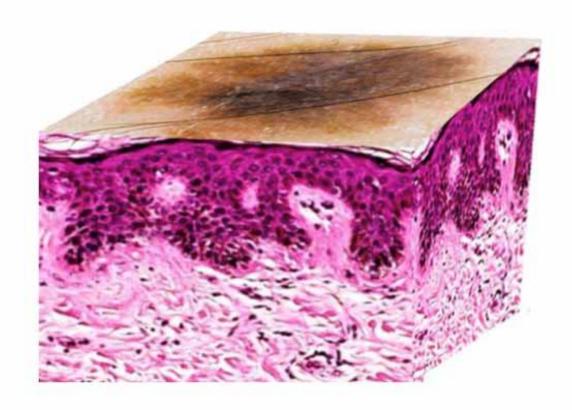
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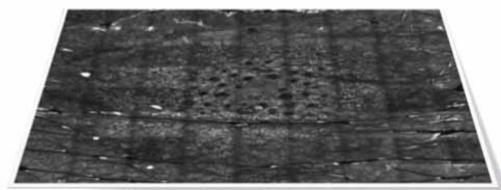
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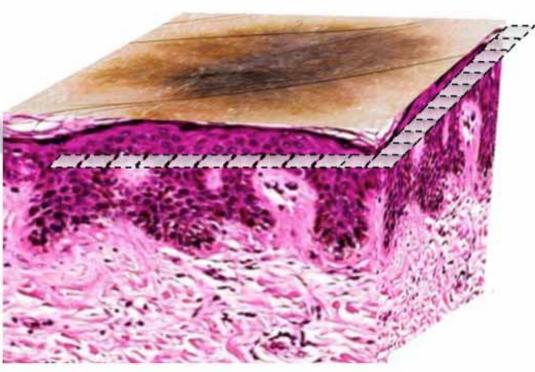
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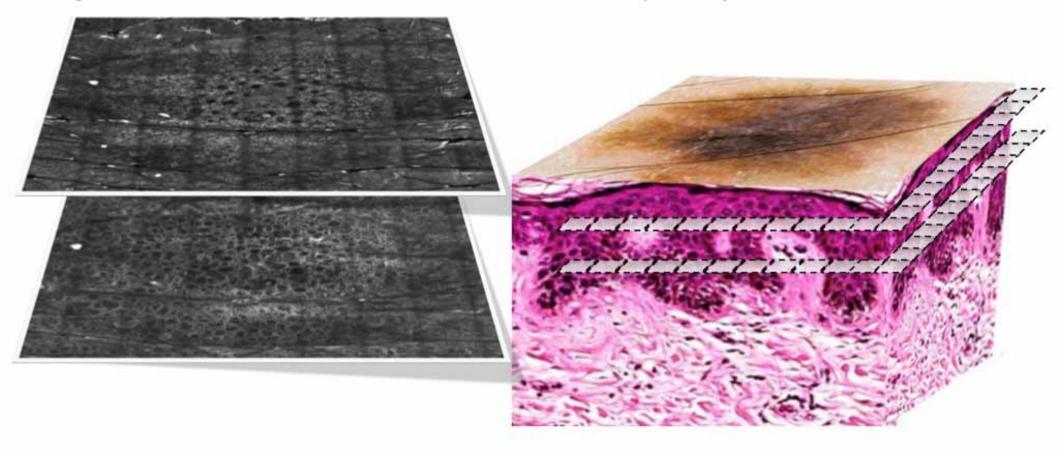
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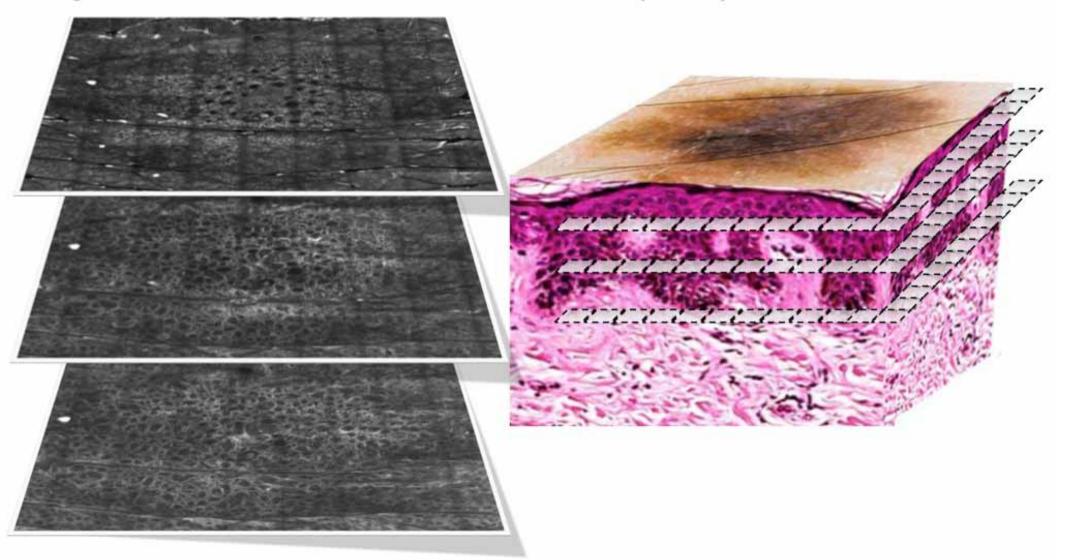
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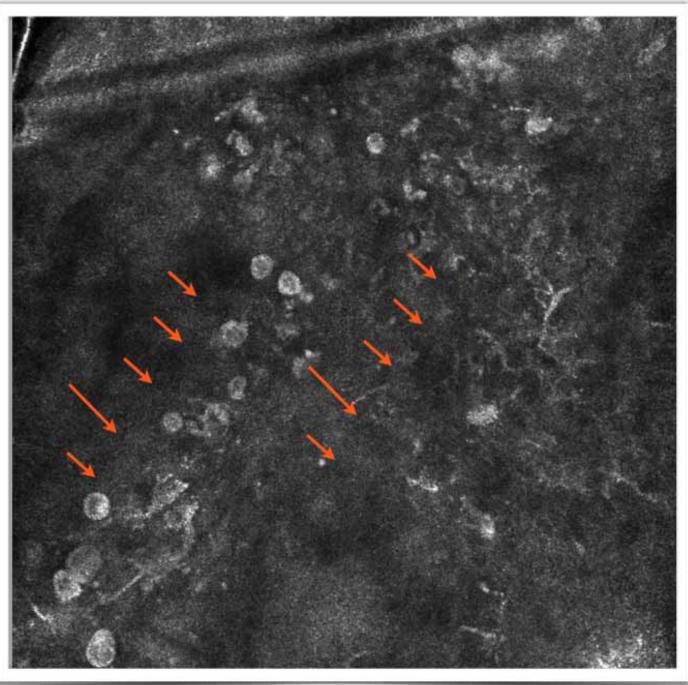




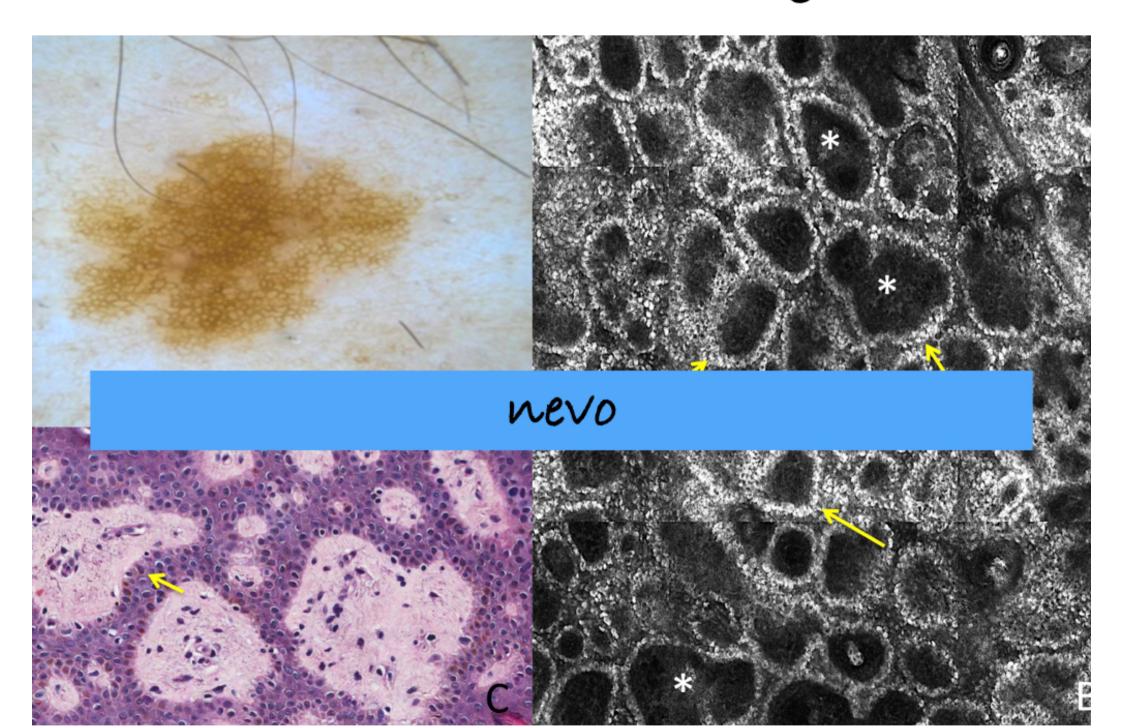


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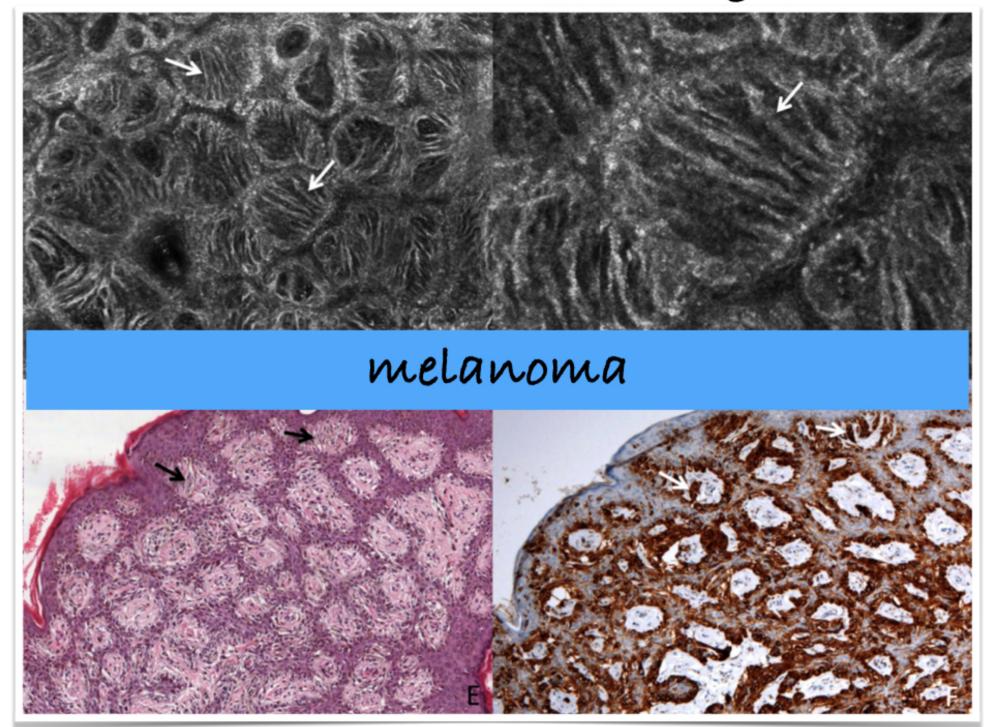


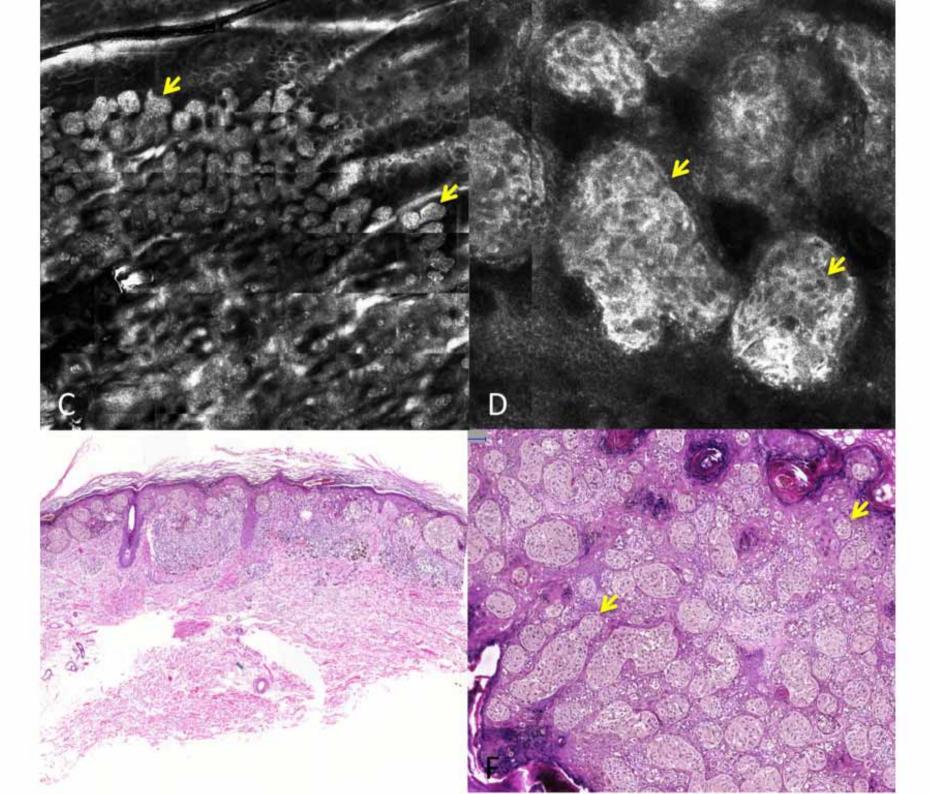


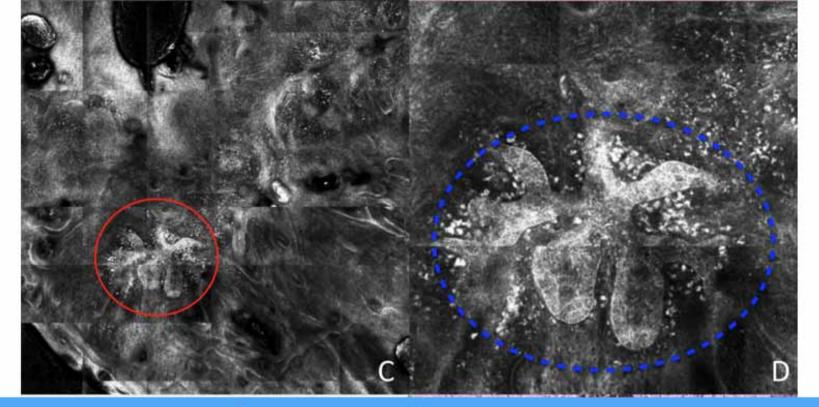
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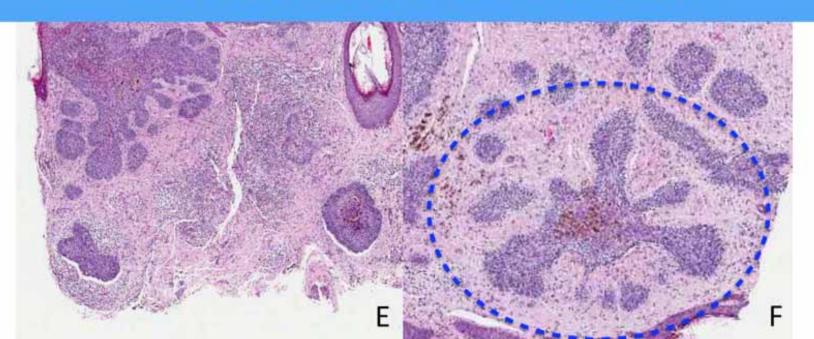
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carcínoma basocellulare



## The Impact of *In Vivo* Reflectance Confocal Microscopy for the Diagnostic Accuracy of Melanoma and Equivocal Melanocytic Lesions

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In vivo confocal reflectance microscopy recently showed promising results for melanoma (MM) diagnosis on a limited series. The aim of the study was to evaluate the sensitivity and specificity of confocal features for the diagnosis of MM 351 equivocal melanocytic lesions (136 MMs and 215 nevi) were evaluated for 37 confocal features by two blinded expert observers.  $\chi^2$  test, multivariate discriminant analysis and binary logistic regression were performed for the identification of the significant features and for testing newly created diagnostic models. Melanomas were mostly characterized by epidermal disarray and pagetoid cells in the epidermis, non-edged papillae, and cellular atypia at the junction, and atypical nests and bright nucleated cells in the upper dermis. On the other hand, regular dermal-epidermal architecture, and absence of pagetoid infiltration and atypical cells were suggestive of benign lesions. Five out of 136 melanomas, with mildly atypical melanocytes and occasional pagetoid cells at histopathology, were not diagnosed by confocal microscopy. Nevertheless, new diagnostic models showed no significant improvement compared with the previously proposed confocal microscopy algorithm. Owing to the visualization of cellular aspects, confocal microscopy seems useful for second level examination of clinically and dermoscopically equivocal lesions.

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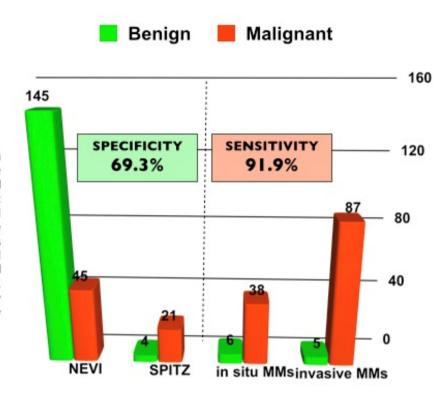
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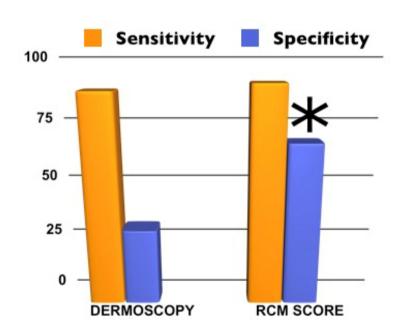
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We recently described an *in vivo* reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) method and our aim was to evaluate a possible additive value of this type of analysis in the management of melanocytic lesions. In two referral centers (Sydney and Modena), lesions (203 nevi and 123 melanomas (MMs) with a median Breslow thickness of 0.54 mm) were excised on the basis of clinical suspicion (history, dermoscopy examination, and/or digital monitoring). The RCM method was also trialed on a non-biopsied population of 100 lesions, which were clinically and dermoscopically diagnosed as benign nevi. All RCM and dermoscopy diagnoses were performed blinded to the histopathological diagnosis. Firstly, in the study population, a high interobserver agreement (on a subset of 90 lesions) was seen with the RCM method, which had superior specificity (68%, 95% confidence interval (95% CI): 61.1–74.3) for the diagnosis of MM compared with dermoscopy (32%, 95% CI: 25.9–38.7), while showing no difference in sensitivity (91%, 95% CI: 84.6–95.5, RCM; 88%, 95% CI: 80.7–92.6 dermoscopy). The two techniques had a weak correlation, resulting in only 2.4% of MMs being misclassified by both techniques. Diagnosis of light-colored lesions is improved by RCM (specificity 84%, 95% CI: 66.3–94.5) compared with dermoscopy (specificity 39%, 95% CI: 23.7–56.2). Secondly, the RCM method classified 100% of the non-biopsied control nevi population as benign.

#### J Invest Dermatol 2009

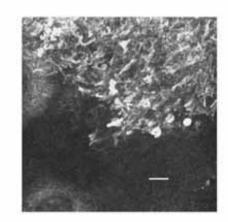




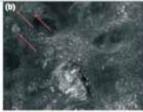
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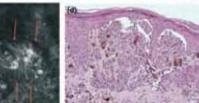
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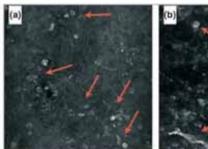
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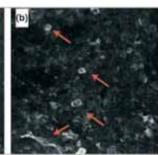
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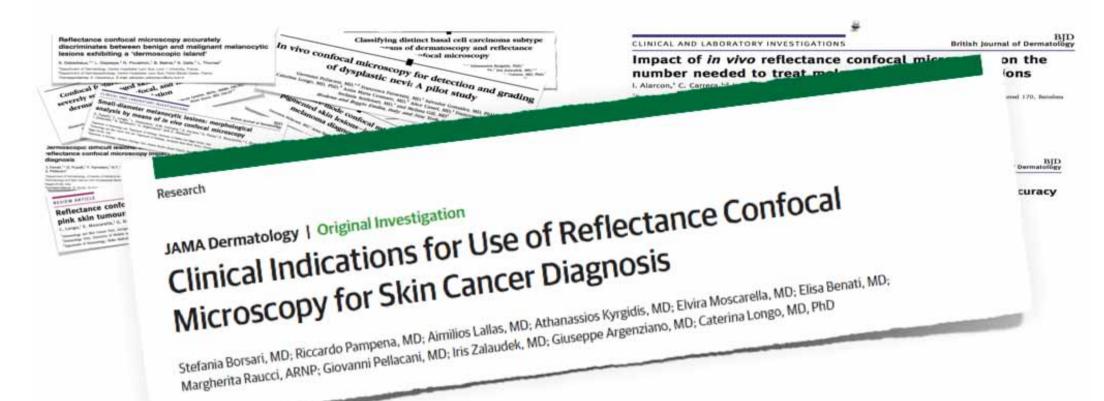
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## Is confocal microscopy a valuable tool in diagnosing nodular lesions? A study of 140 cases

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Which are clinical/dermoscopic criteria that predict a good RCM performance?

Which are RCM best indications?

## 1256 clinically and dermoscopically equivocal lesions Sensitivity: 95.3% Specificity: 83.9%

Number needed to excise to detect a melanoma

(NNE): 2.4





Screening: Clinical and handy dermatoscope



High risk patient: digital dermatoscope

history of skin cancer multiple nevi light skin type



Atypical lesion: reflectance confocal microscopy

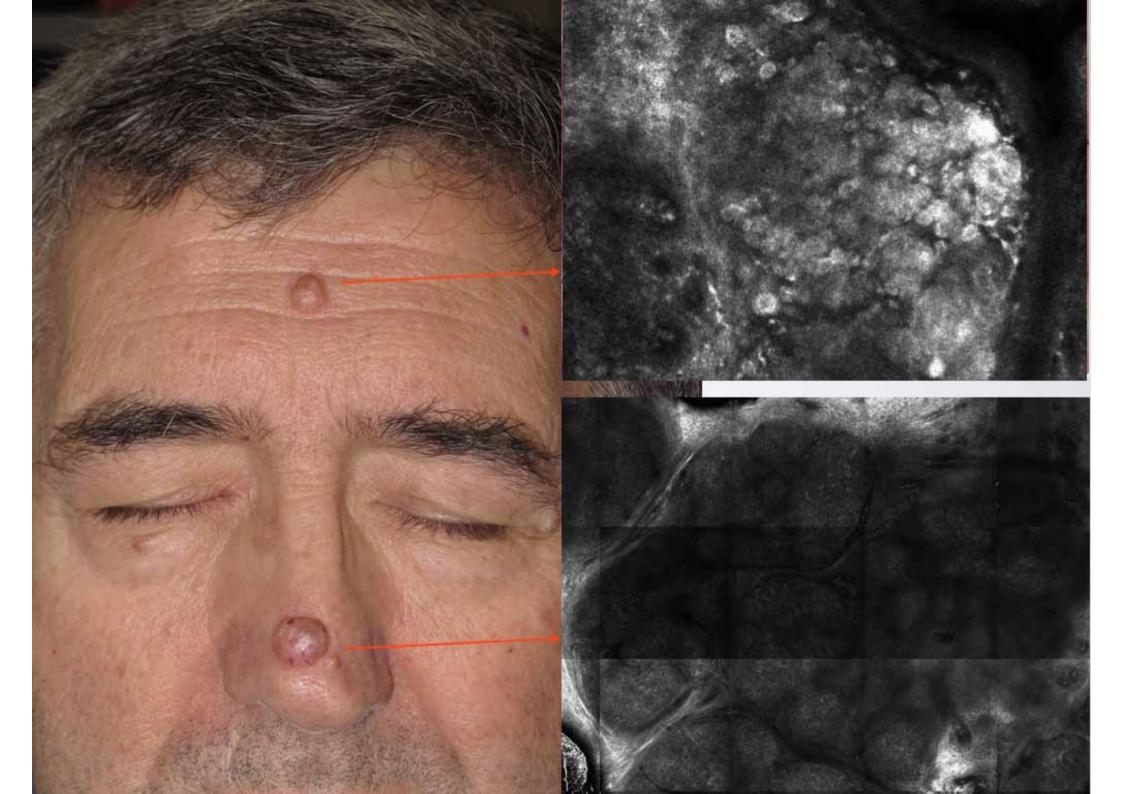
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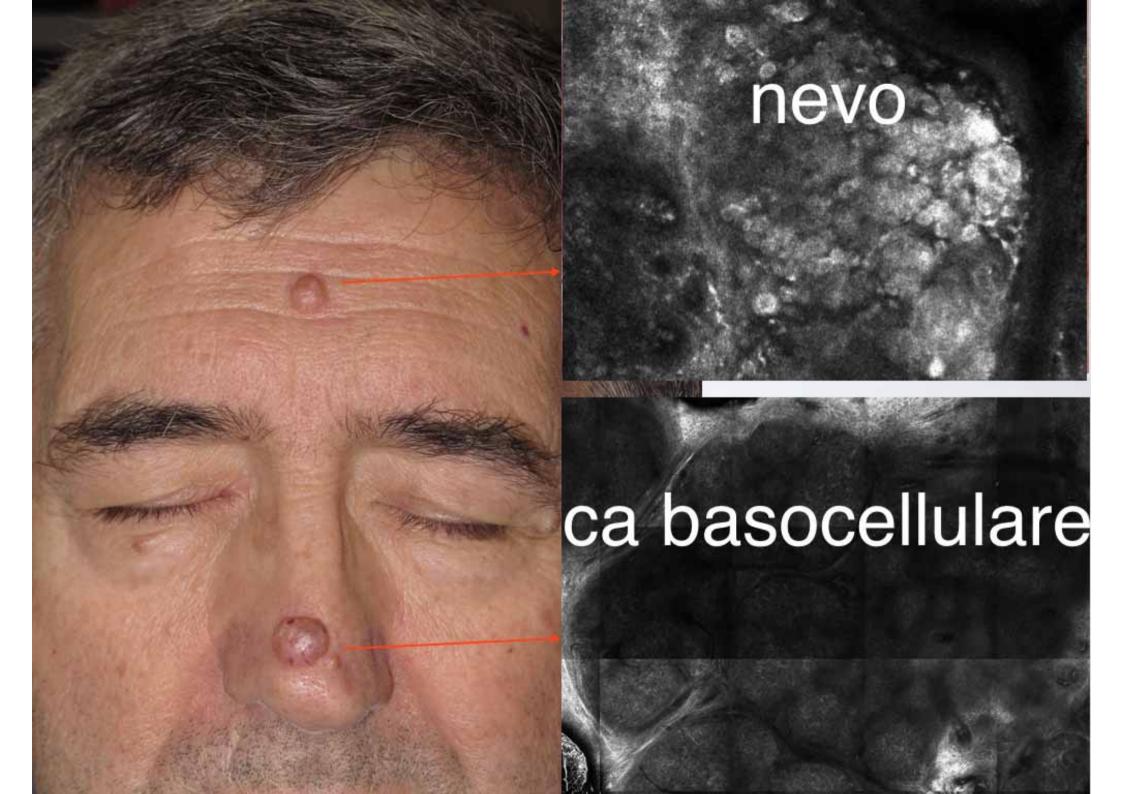






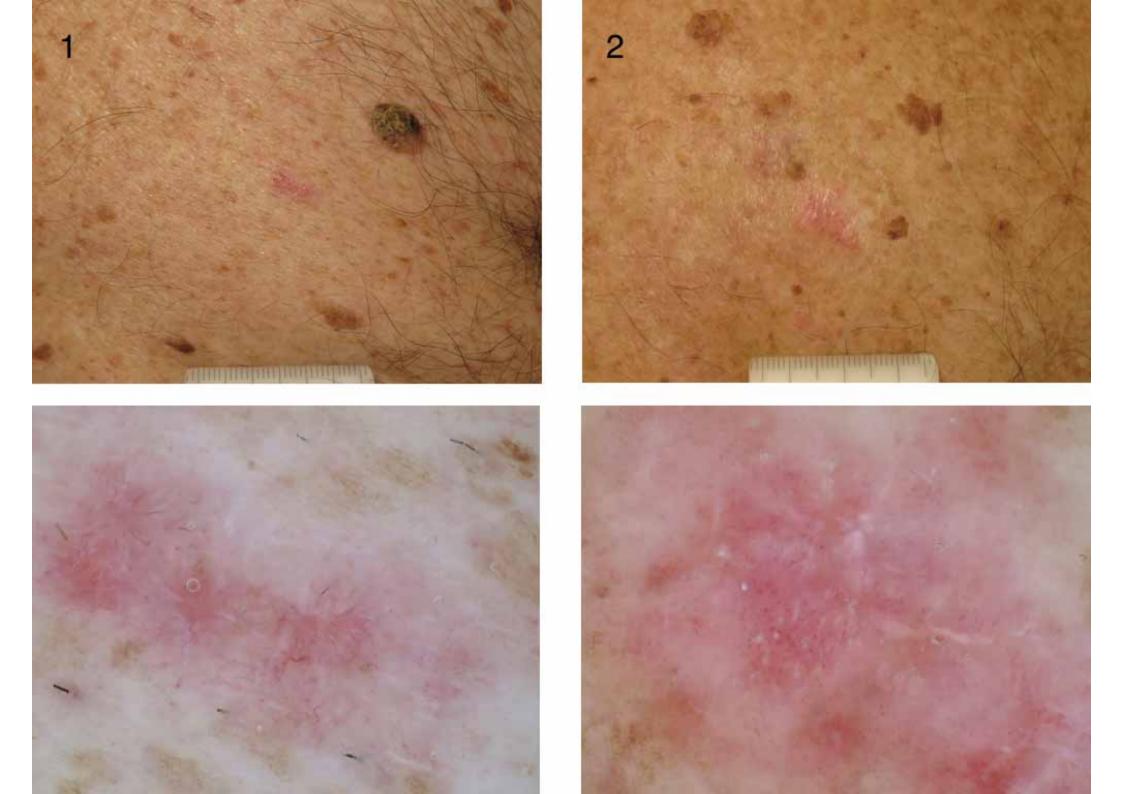


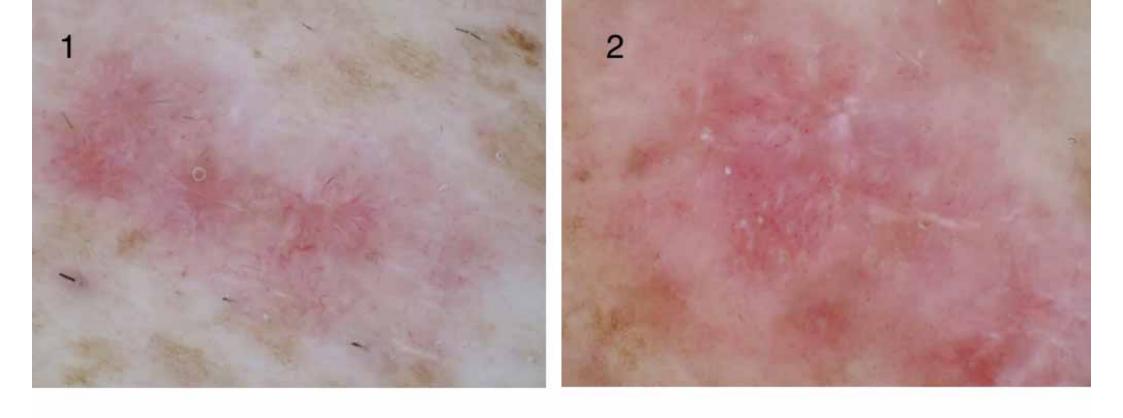


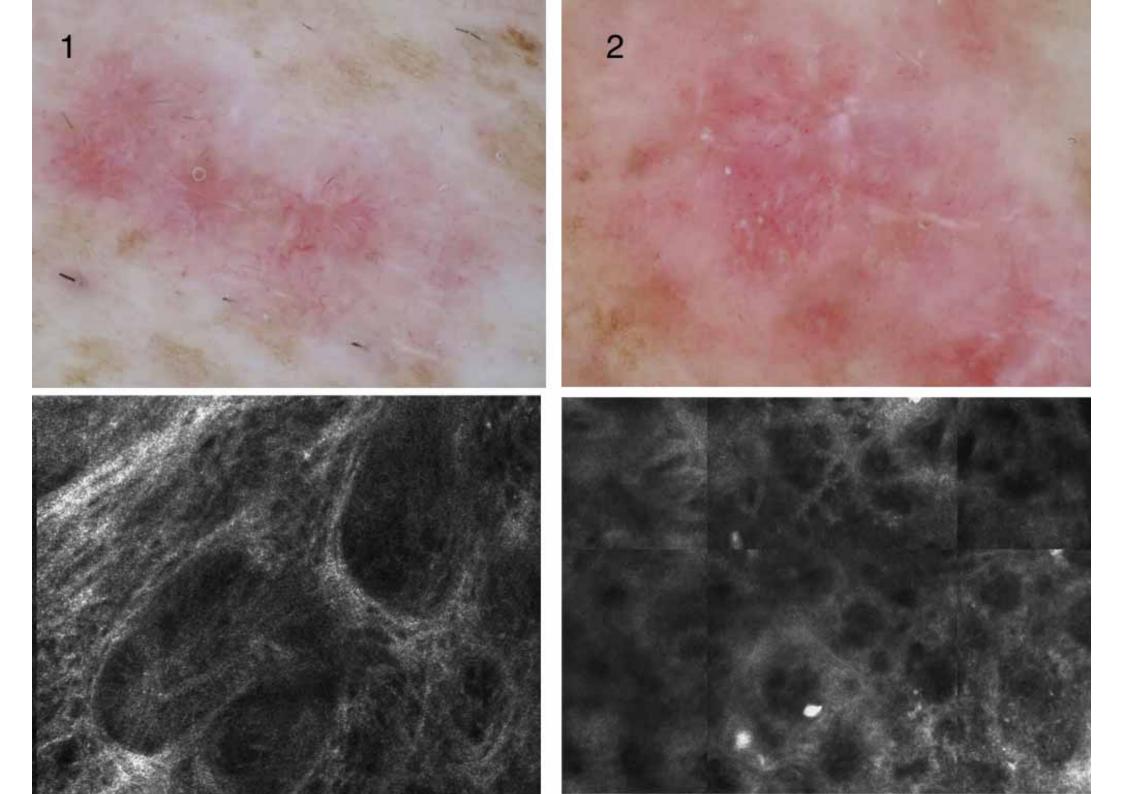


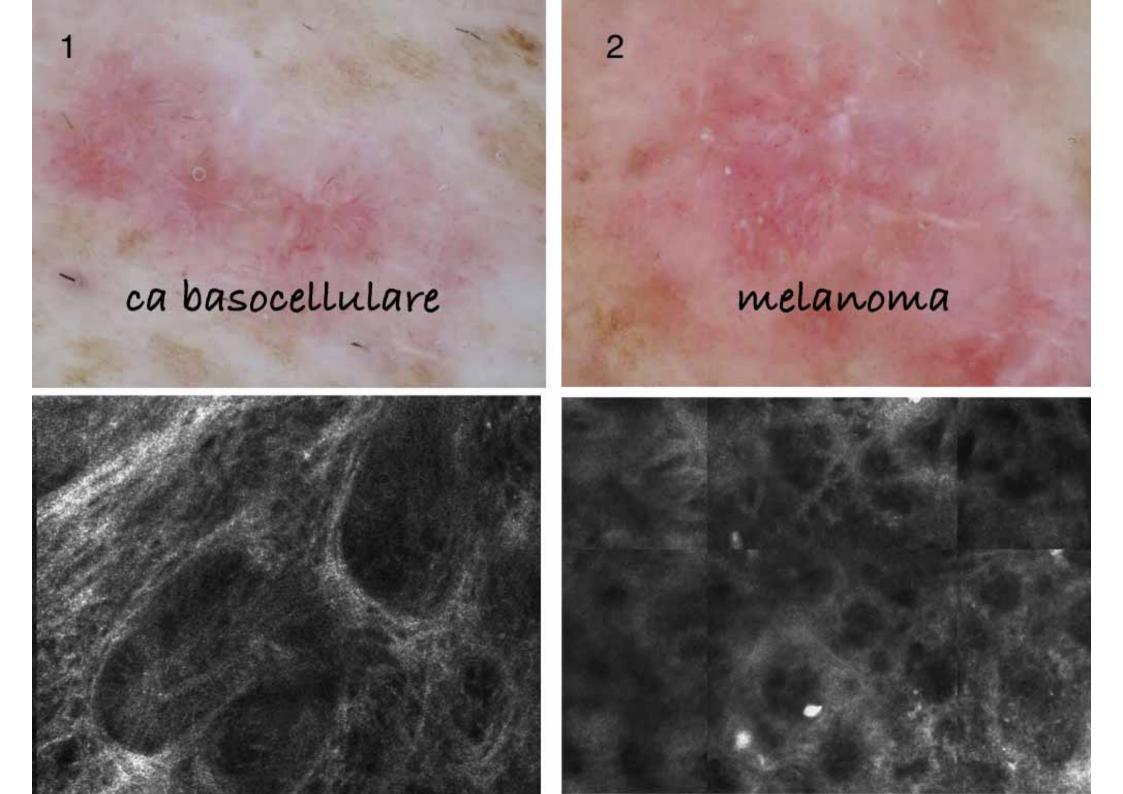








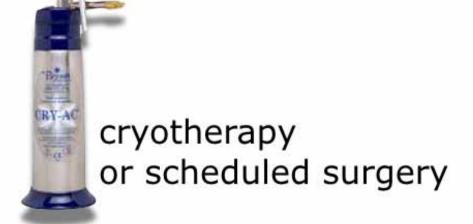




## Practical implications...









## FUTURE CHALLENGE: INTEGRATION OF DERMOSCOPY AND RCM FOR EARLY/SMALL SKIN CANCER DIAGNOSIS

HIGH SENSITIVITY (NOT MISS MELANOMA)
ESPECIALLY "THICK/NODULAR" ONES

SCREENING OF A LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS
RULE OUT POSSIBLE "KILLERS"
IDENTIFY AT RISK POPULATION

BENEFICIAL POPULATION

MASS (CHEAP AND FAST) APPROACH

SCREENING
INFORMATION
CAMPAIN
TRIAGE DECISION



MD SPECIALISTS AND TOOLS FOR SELECTED PATIENTS



CENTERS AND MDs

TOOLS FOR SELECTED PATIENTS AND LESIONS



SECONDARY PREVENTION
EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF MM (INCREASE IN SENSITIVITY)

MONITORING SELECTED HIGH RISK PATIENTS

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