

INDICATION

The MOLES score helps practitioners estimate the risk of malignancy in choroidal naevi

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Choroidal naevi are found in about 6% of individuals whereas only 6 people per million per year develop melanoma

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	MANAGEMENT
0 = Common naevus	Advise usual self care. 1-2 yearly review by optometrist
1 = Low risk naevus	Refer non-urgently to opthamlology
2 = High risk naevus	Refer non-urgently to ophthalmology
>2 Probable melanoma	Refer urgently to ophthalmology on suspected cancer pathway

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

QUESTION		POINTS
Mushroom shape	Absent	+0
	Incipient (erosion through RPE / uncertain)	+1
	Present	+2
Orange pigment	Absent	+0
	Dusting / Unsure	+1
	Confluent	+2
Large size	Flat (<1mm thick)	+0
	Subtle dome (1-2mm thick)	+1
	Significant thickening (>2mm thick)	+2
Enlargement	None / No baseline photography	+0
	Suspected change comparing photography	+1
	Definite growth confirmed sequential imaging	+2
Subretinal fluid	Nil	+0
	Trace / seen only OCT	+1
	Definite / visible on ophthalmoscopy	+2