Melanoma

- Most common sites of local and/or regional metastases-Draining lymph node basins and the skin between the primary site and the lymph nodes.
- Most common sites of systemic metastases Lung, Liver, brain (#1 cause of death), bone, and gastrointestinal tract.
- Investigations: Dermoscopy (ABCD rule), excisional biopsy if melanomais suspected
- Most important prognostic indicator is maximal thickness of tumor invasion on biopsy (Breslow depth in mm)
- DDx: BCC, blue or dysplastic nevus, SK [OCR from images:]