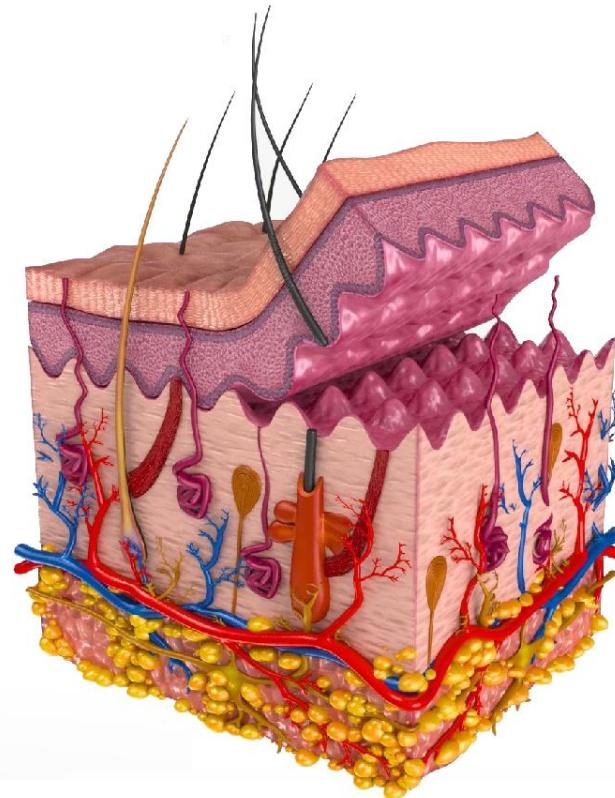


# Pathology of the skin

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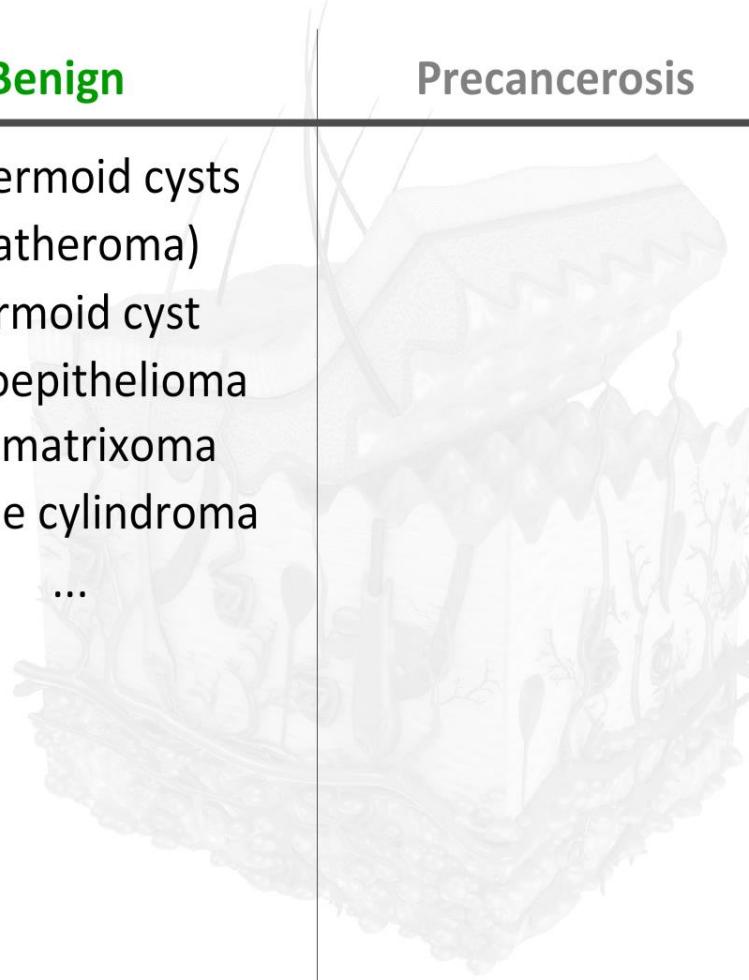


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	<b>Benign</b>	<b>Precancerosis</b>	<b>Malignant</b>
<b>Epithelial</b>	seborrheic verruca	solar keratosis Bowen's disease arsenic keratosis PUVA keratosis	SCC basalioma keratoacanthoma
Neuroendocrine			Merkel cell ca
<b>Mesenchymal</b>	lipoma hemangioma dermatofibroma fibroepithelial polyp		DFSP Kaposi's sarcoma angiosarcoma
Hematogenous			mycosis fungoides
<b>Neuroectodermal</b>	lentio simplex pigmented nevi neurofibroma schwannoma	melanoma in situ lentigo maligna	melanoma

# Tumours of the skin adnexa

	<b>Benign</b>	Precancerosis	<b>Malignant</b>
<b>Epithelial</b>	<p>epidermoid cysts (+ atheroma)</p> <p>dermoid cyst</p> <p>trichoepithelioma</p> <p>pilomatrixoma</p> <p>eccrine cylindroma</p> <p>...</p>		<p>adenoid cystic ca</p> <p>trichilemmal ca</p> <p>sebaceous ca</p> <p>pilomatrical ca</p> <p>...</p>

# 1) Epithelial tumours of the skin

1) seborrheic verruca\*

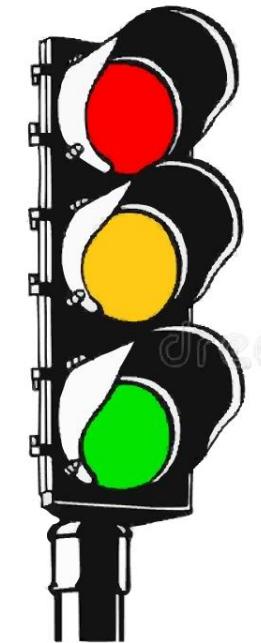
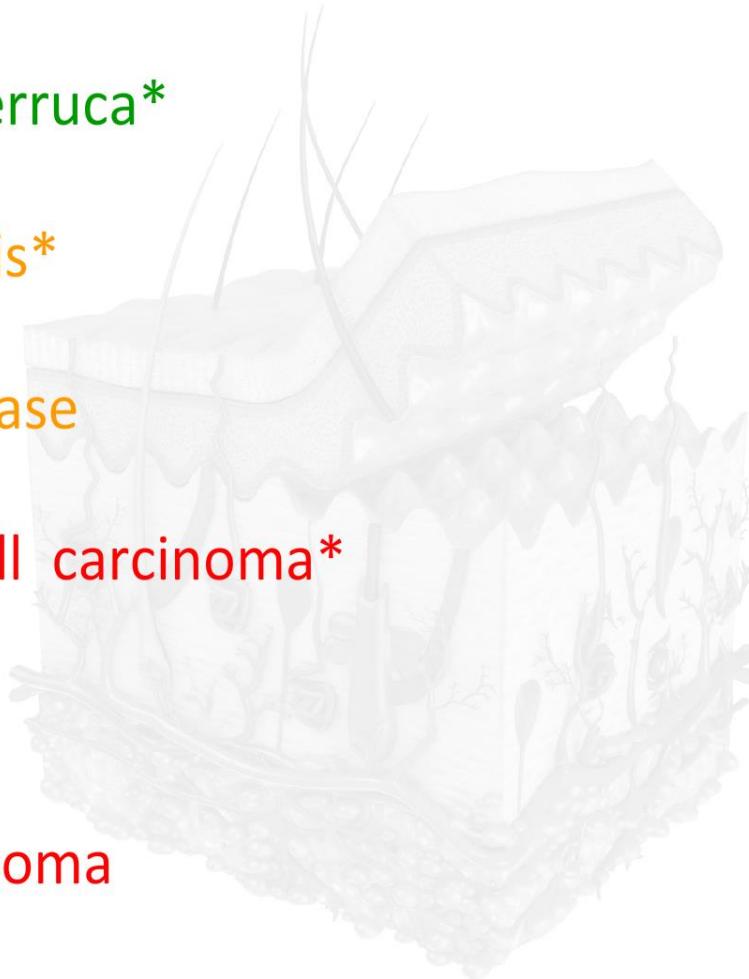
2) solar keratosis\*

3) Bowen's disease

4) squamous cell carcinoma\*

5) basalioma\*

6) keratoacanthoma



\* can lead to the morphology of "cutaneous horn" (cornu cutaneum)

# Seborrheic verruca



## Definition

- senile verruca, seborrheic keratosis



## Cause (etiology)

- idiopathic



## Development (pathogenesis)

- proliferation of basal layers of the epidermis  
(defective maturation)



# Seborrheic verruca



## Morphology

- adults (middle aged and older)
  - NOT JUST seborrheic = **anywhere** but soles/palms (mainly face, trunk)
- **macroscopically** pigmented papules or warts
  - mimics basalioma / pigmented lesions
- **microscopically** acanthosis with hyper/parakeratosis and basal keratinocytes proliferation without stratum granulosum
  - **abrupt keratinisation** = formation of keratin pearls (cysts)



## Clinical manifestation

- benin behavior (cosmetic issue)
  - Leser-Trélat's sign = paraneoplastic appearance of the warts (GIT ca...)

# Solar keratosis



## Definition

- actinic keratosis



## Cause (etiology)

- UV radiation induced damage of the skin



## Development (pathogenesis)

- **dysplasia** of the epidermis + **solar degeneration** of dermis

# Solar keratosis



## Morphology

- adults (elderly)
  - **solar localization** = face, dorsal parts of the hands
- **macroscopically** red to brown macules with scales
- **microscopically** max. moderate dysplasia of epidermis + solar degeneration of the dermis
  - + often hyper/parakeratosis, atrophy of the epidermis



## Clinical manifestation

- regression / stable / progression into SCC (cca 15%)

# Bowen's disease



## Definition

- *morbus Bowen*, "Bowen's dermatosis"
  - Bowenoid papulosis used to be recognized in anogenital area



## Cause (etiology)

- multifactorial (UV radiation, HPV, chemicals...)



## Development (pathogenesis)

- development of SCC in situ

# Bowen's disease



## Morphology

- adults (elderly)
  - usually neck, head and lower limbs
- **macroscopically** red to brown macules, can ooze
- **microscopically** severe dysplasia of epidermis (ca in situ)
  - **without** solar degeneration of elastic fibres of dermis or invasive growth  
(used to be called Bowenoid solar keratosis)



## Clinical manifestation

- always progression into SCC

# Squamous cell carcinoma



## Definition

- spinocellular / squamous / epidermoid carcinoma,  
carcinoma spinocellulare, spinalioma



## Cause (etiology)

- UV, chem. (tar, arsenic), irritation (inflammation), HPV
  - de novo / epithelial precancerosis of the skin



## Development (pathogenesis)

- skin form of SCC is more favorable compared to mucosal /  
visceral ones

# Squamous cell carcinoma



## Morphology

- adults (elderly)
  - **solar localization** = face, dorsal parts of the hands, ear lobes
- **macroscopically** thick tubercle or ulcer with scales
  - diffuse / exophytic / ulcerous form
- **microscopically** stratum spinosum delivered (see GP)
  - invasion, intercellular bridges, keratin pearls...



## Clinical manifestation

- asymptomatic to local destruction + late metastases of LN
  - hematogenous rarely (lungs, liver, bones, CNS)

# Basalioma



## Definition

- basocellular carcinoma, carcinoma basocellulare
  - the **most common** skin malignancy



## Cause (etiology)

- UV radiation
  - maybe **adnexal** origin = stem cells of stratum basale / bulbus folliculi



## Development (pathogenesis)

- local destruction **without** metastases

# Basalioma



## Morphology

- adults (elderly)
  - **solar localization** = face, dorsal parts of the hands
- **macroscopically** ulcer (*ulcus rodens / terebrans*)
- **microscopically** resembles stratum basale (see GP)
  - peripheral palisading...
  - many variants (superficial / nodular / pigmented / morfeiform...)



## Clinical manifestation

- asymptomatic to local destruction (even bones)
  - metastases extremely rare

# Keratocanthoma



## Definition

- newly recognized as malignancy (CAVE, textbook)



## Cause (etiology)

- UV radiation



## Development (pathogenesis)

- well-differentiated SCC with possibility of regression

# Keratocanthoma



## Morphology

- adults (elderly)
  - solar localization = face
- **macroscopically** ulcer / large tumour (several cm)
  - anamnesis of **rapid growth**
- **microscopically** image of crater-shaped SCC grade 1
  - under low magnification

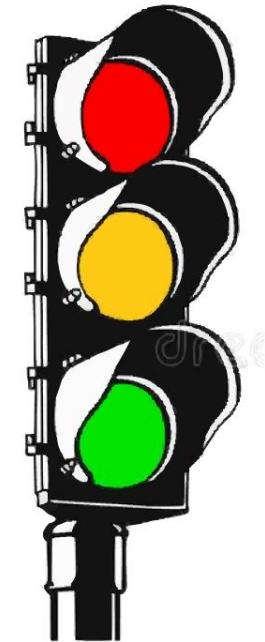


## Clinical manifestation

- asymptomatic and regression / behavior of SCC
  - regression after several months with scar formation

## 2) Neuroendocrine tumours of the skin

### 1) Merkel cell carcinoma



# Merkel cell carcinoma



## Definition

- rare highly aggressive tumour



## Cause (etiology)

- integration of Merkel cell polyomavirus into DNA of Merkel c.
  - also a role of UV radiation and immunosuppression



## Development (pathogenesis)

- malignant transformation of neuroendocrine cells

# Merkel cell carcinoma



## Morphology

- adults (elderly / young with immunosuppression)
  - **solar localization** = head and neck
- **macroscopically** red to purple nodule
- **microscopically** image of neuroendocrine carcinoma

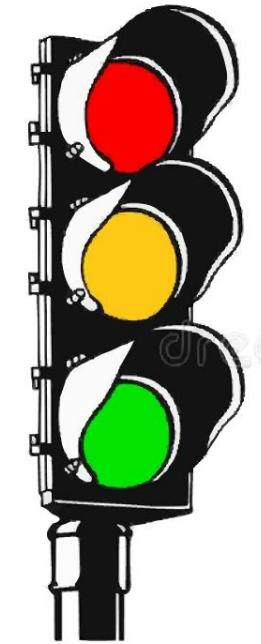
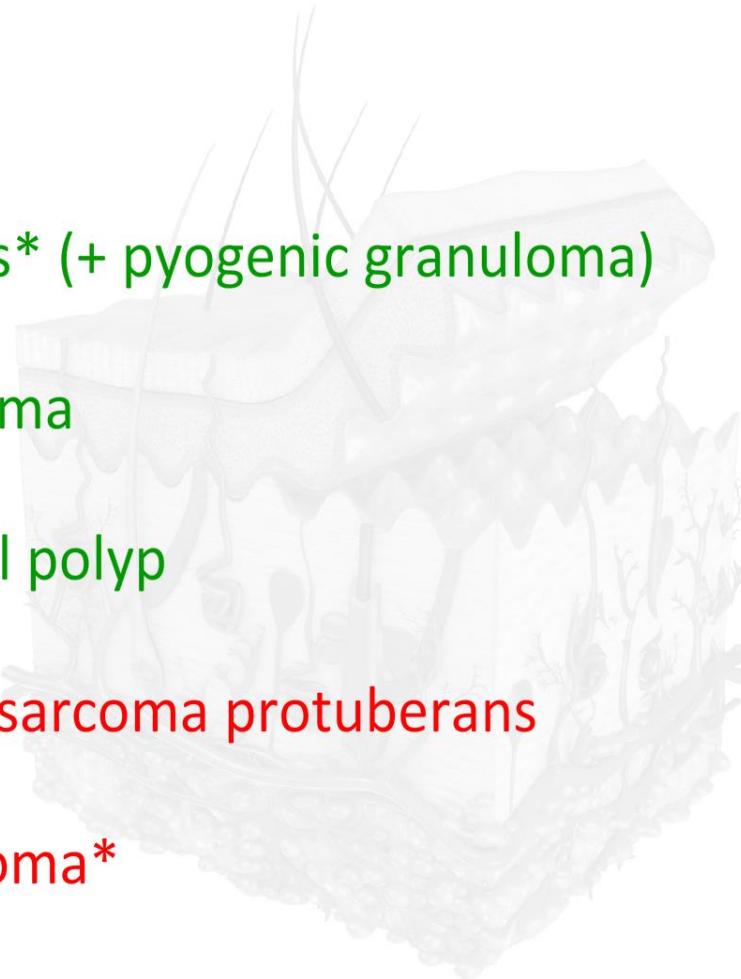


## Clinical manifestation

- very aggressive course
  - often fatal

### 3) Mesenchymal tumours of the skin

- 1) lipomas\*
- 2) hemangiomas\* (+ pyogenic granuloma)
- 3) dermatofibroma
- 4) fibroepithelial polyp
- 5) dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
- 6) Kaposi's sarcoma\*
- 7) angiosarcoma\*



\* see GP

# Dermatofibroma



## Definition

- fibrous histiocytoma, hard "fibroma" (fibroma durum)



## Cause (etiology)

- trauma of the skin
  - small extent (mosquito bite...)



## Development (pathogenesis)

- "fibrohistiocytic tumour" consisting of heterogenous cells
  - sometimes suspected to represent reactive process ("pseudotumour")

# Dermatofibroma



## Morphology

- adults and children
  - mainly lower limbs (crura) and trunk
- **macroscopically** round brown to pink thick nodule / plaque
- **microscopically** fibroblasts + macrophages + vessels + lymphocytes
  - typical storiform arrangement + reactive hyperplasia of the epidermis above



## Clinical manifestastion

- benign (cosmetic problem)

# Fibroepithelial polyp



## Definition

- soft "fibroma" (*fibroma molle*), akrochordon



## Cause (etiology)

- influence of DM, gravidity and obesity
  - often arises in the area of rubbing (ruff, necklet...)



## Development (pathogenesis)

- polypoid to pendulating proliferation (*fibroma pendulans*)
  - sometimes suspected to represent reactive process ("pseudotumour")

# Fibroepithelial polyp



## Morphology

- adults
  - mainly neck, eyelids, axilla (may be multiple)
- **macroscopically** brown polyp up to 10 mm with stalk
- **microscopically** papillary shape with epidermal hyperplasia
  - fibrovascular stroma, sometimes irritated



## Clinical manifestation

- benign (cosmetic problem)

# *Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans*



## Definition

- DFSP



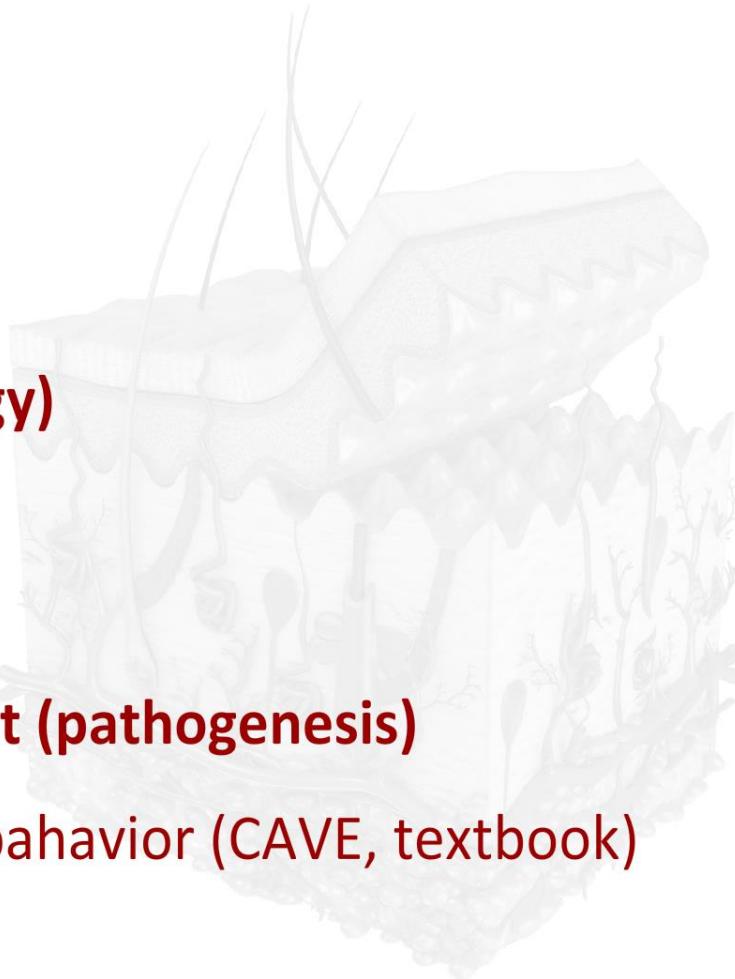
## Cause (etiology)

- idiopathic



## Development (pathogenesis)

- LG malignant behavior (CAVE, textbook)



# *Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans*



## Morphology

- adults (middle age)
  - anywhere except soles / palms mainly trunk and lower limbs
- **macroscopically** slowly growing nodule or plaque
- **microscopically** storiform, uniform spindle cells
  - "honeycomb infiltration of subcutaneous fat



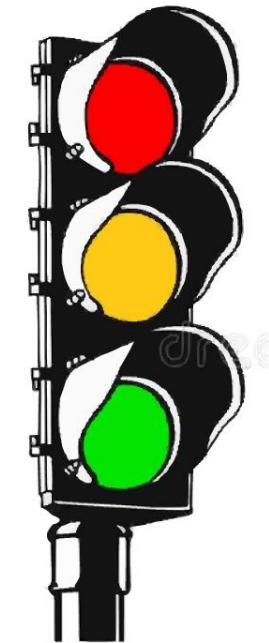
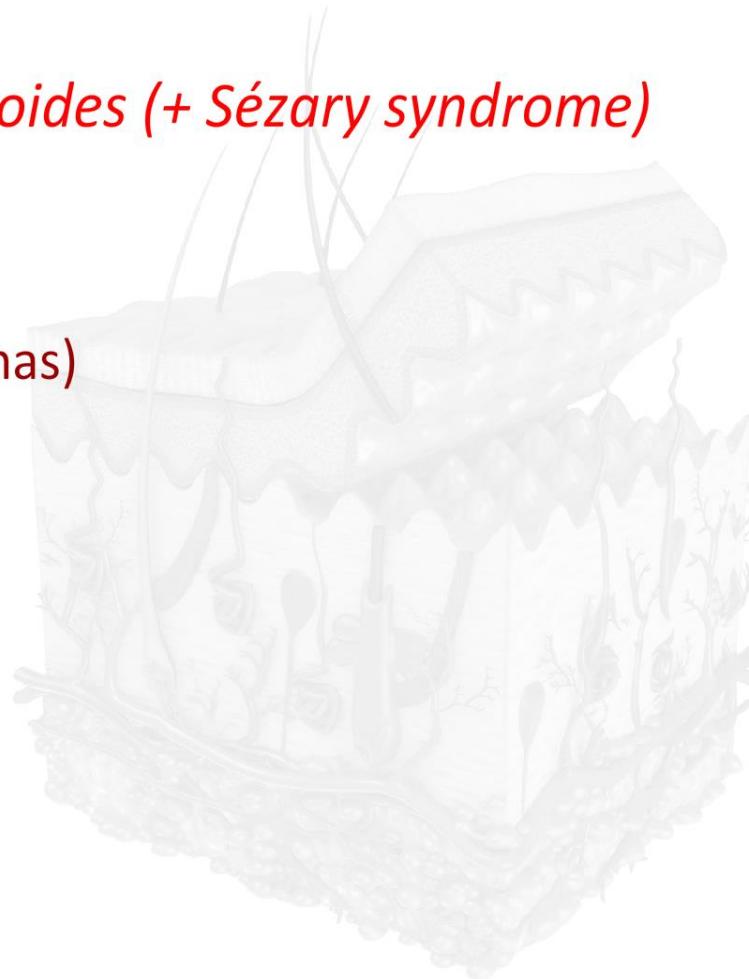
## Clinical manifestation

- local destruction and relapses, late metastases (lungs)

# 4) Hematogenous tumours of the skin

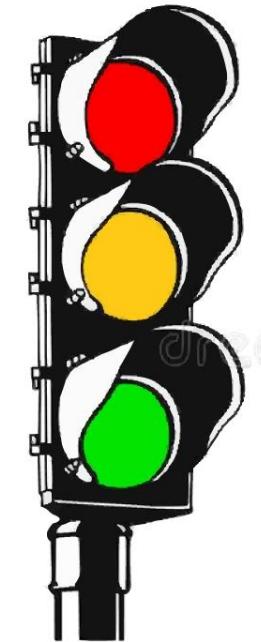
## 1) *mycosis fungoides* (+ Sézary syndrome)

\* see GP (lymphomas)



# 5) Neuroectodermal tumours of the skin

- 1) lentigo simplex
- 2) pigmented nevi
- 3) neurofibroma\*
- 4) schwannoma\*
- 5) melanoma in situ
- 6) lentigo maligna
- 7) melanoma



\* see GP

# *Lentigo simplex*



## Definition

- simple lentigo



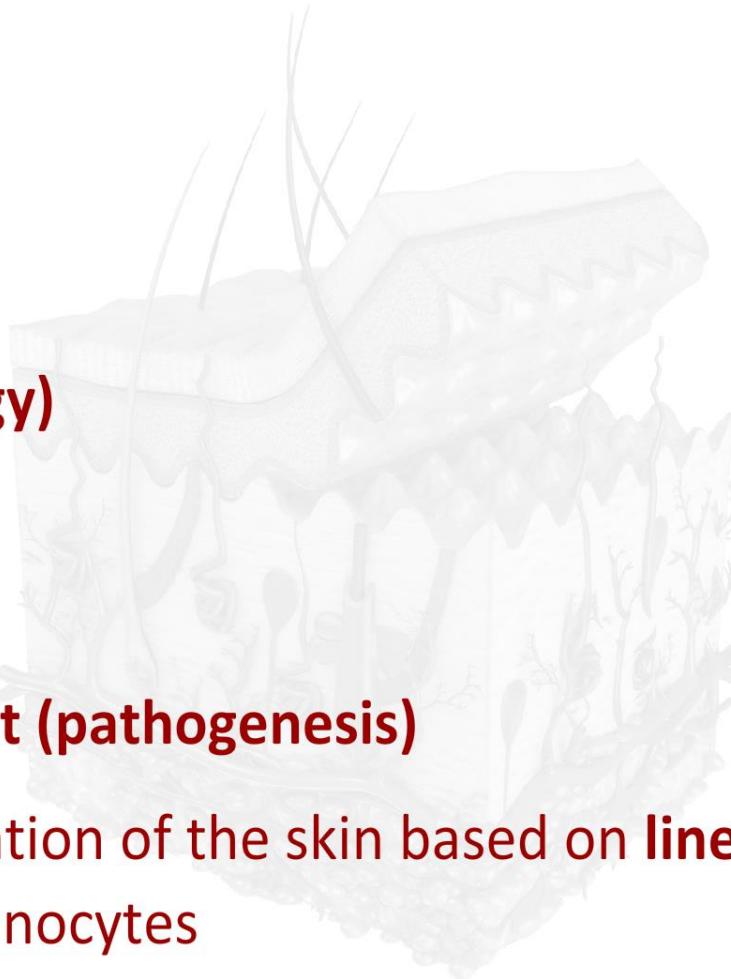
## Cause (etiology)

- idiopathic



## Development (pathogenesis)

- hyperpigmentation of the skin based on **linear** increase of density of melanocytes
  - **without** nest formation (compared to nevi)



# *Lentigo simplex*



## Morphology

- adults and children
- **macroscopically** hyperpigmented macule
  - different from a freckle (ephelis), which darken only after UV exposure
- **microscopically** lentiginization of melanocytes + pigmentation
  - different from a freckle (ephelis), which contains normal number of the cells



## Clinical manifestation

- benign (cosmetic problem)

# Pigmented nevi



## Definition

- melanocytic nevi, "birthmarks", moles
  - naevus pigmentosus / naevocellularis / melanocytaris



## Cause (etiology)

- used to be considered hamartomas, but **benign tumours**
  - naevus (nest) = historic name of congenital skin lesion



## Development (pathogenesis)

- formation of **clusters of melanocytes**
  - **nevocyte** = melanocyte of the pigmented nevi

# Pigmented nevi



## Morphology

- adults and children
  - **acquisite / congenital** (can be large = "swimsuit shaped"; into adnexa)
- **macroscopically** pigmented macule / papule / verruca
- **microscopically** variabile nests of nevocytes + pigmentation
  - **symetric + maturation** (epitheloid → lymphocytoid → neuroid)
  - **basic types** = junctional / compound / intradermal
  - **rare types** = dysplastic / Spitz / blue



## Clinical manifestation

- benign (cosmetic problem) + risk of progression into **MM**
  - possible regression by lymphocytes ("halo naevus")

# Precancerosis of melanoma



## Definition

- **preinvasive forms of melanoma**



## Cause (etiology)

- excessive exposure to **UV radiation**
  - risks = sunburns in childhood, phototype I-II, dysplastic / large congenital nevi, older than 50 years, solarium users, immunosuppression, FA of MM



## Development (pathogenesis)

- after development of invasive growth, **MM** occurs

# Precancerosis of melanoma



## Morphology

- children and adults (mainly older ones)
- **macroscopically** atypical hyperpigmented macule / papule
- **microscopically** image of melanoma in situ
  - intraepidermally based without invasion through BM
  - **lentigo maligna** = melanoma in situ within terrain fo solar degeneration of d.



## Clinical manifetation

- risk of **malignancy** developement

# Melanoma



## Definition

- malignant melanoma (MM), melanoma malignum



## Cause (etiology)

- from **melanocytes** (neuroectoderm), UV radiation delivered
  - **skin** ( $\sigma$  trunk,  $\varphi$  lower limbs), **mucosa** (OC, anorectum), **retinal** and **meningeal**
  - genomic instability (e. g. *BRAF* mutation = target therapy, *RAS*, *NF1*)
- *de novo* (majority) / prekerosis / dysplastic nevi delivered

# Melanoma



## Development (pathogenesis)

- undergo **horizontal** (early) to **vertical** (late) growth

horizontal growth phase

vertical growth phase

# Melanoma



## Morphology

- children and adults
  - increasing incidence (3x) and detected in younger age groups
- **macroscopically** pigmented spot overaping **ABCDE** criteria
  - **A** = Asymmetry (not uniform shape)
  - **B** = Border (not well-defined border)
  - **C** = Colour (more than one colour)
  - **D** = Diameter (over 6 mm)
  - **E** = Evolving / Elevation vývoj = growth, bleeding, ulceration, pain, itch)

# Melanoma



## Morphology

- **microscopically** "chameleon" from atypical melanocytes
  - variable **morphology** + loss of melanin (**amelanotic** = IHC) + more **types**:
  - **lentigo maligna melanom** (Hutchinson's melanotic mole) = head and neck of elderly in chr. UV exposure (invasive lentigo maligna)
  - **superficial spreading melanoma (SSM)** = intraepidermal (pagetoid)
  - **nodular melanoma** = primary / secondary nodule in dermis (aggressive)
  - **acral lentiginose melanoma** = nails, soles / palms (aggressive)
  - **desmoplastic melanoma** = desmoplasia resembling scar (elderly)
  - **mucosal melanoma** = mucosal sites

# Melanoma



## Morphology

- Breslow **staging** (invasion in mm from st. granulosum) + Clark
  - Breslow under 1 mm = 95-100% survival of 5 years / over 4 mm 50%
  - + role of mitotic count/mm<sup>2</sup>, angioinvasion, perineural spread and ulceration

# Melanoma



## Clinical manifestation

- one of the **most aggressive** tumours
  - **prognosis** 8-10 months in late stages
  - **metastases** anywhere very early / lately (after 5 and more years)
  - **regression** up to 20% (partial / complete)

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