

# Spitz nevus

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## Summary

*Spitz nevus is a rare form of nevocelular nevus occurring most often in children. The tumor present as a pink color, firm, asymptomatic nodule, with a diameter ranging from 1 mm to 3 cm, commonly located on the face.*

*The histological similarities of Spitz nevus with malignant melanoma generate difficulties in differentiating these two lesions. The eosinophilic bodies are considered morphological markers/features of Spitz nevus.*

*Spitz nevus is a benign lesion, with no degeneration to malignant melanoma. The potential for degeneration of Spitz nevus is limited, it can rarely invade the lymph nodes, but it has no influence on life expectancy. Recurrences are uncommon, but may occur in cases of incomplete surgical excision.*

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