### Dermoscopy buzz-words and phrases
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#### Skin tumor or disorder | Dermoscopic findings
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**Melanocytic lesions** |  
*Melanoma* | Irregular granularity in association with red or white colors; linear, irregular, polymorphous atypical vessels; milky-red globules; blue-whitish veil; depigmented areas and pseudopods (invasive melanoma)  
*Acral melanoma* | Parallel ridge and bizarre pattern  
*Congenital melanocytic nevus* | Terminal hairs; cobblestone/globular or homogenous pattern or multi-component pattern; milia-like cysts; crypts and fissures  
*Spitz/Reed nevus* | Starburst pattern  
*Dermal nevus* | Cobblestone pattern; comma vessels  
*Acral nevus* | Parallel furrow, lattice-like, and fibrillar patterns  
*Blue nevus* | Homogenous blue-metallic areas  
*Vulvar melanosis* | Ring-like pattern  
**Non-melanocytic lesions** |  
*Basal cell carcinoma* | Arborizing vessels; leaf-like structures; blue-gray nests and globules (pigmented BCC); spoke-wheel areas; ulceration  
*Seborrheic keratosis* | Milia-like cysts; comedo-like openings; fingerprint-like structures; cerebriform pattern; hairpin vessels  
*Solar lentigo* | Fingerprint-like structures  
*Keratoacanthoma* | Central brownish structureless area and hairpin vessels on a whitish background  
*Sebaceous hyperplasia* | Aggregated white-yellow nodules and crown vessels (radial wreath-like)  
*Hemangiomia* | Red-blush “lakes” (lacunar or saccular pattern)  
*Dermatofibroma* | Pigment network; central white patch  
*Lichen planus-like keratosis* | Granular pattern (early); regression (late)  
*Clear-cell acanthoma* | Dotted vessels arranged in a serpiginous (string of pearls) pattern surrounded by a whitish halo; translucent collarette scaling  
*Bowen’s disease* | Glomerular vessels; scaly surface; small brown globules and/or homogeneous pigmentation (pigmented BD)  
*Actinic keratoses* | Rosette sign; “strawberry pattern”  
*Squamous cell carcinoma* | Rosette sign; glomerular vessels; radial streaks, globules, and homogeneous blue pigmentation (pigmented SCC)  
*Eccrine poroma* | White to pink halo; pink-white structureless areas; glomerular vessels  
*Pyogenic granuloma* | Reddish homogenous area; white collarette  
**Other skin disorders** |  
*Lichen planus* | Polymorphic pearly whitish structure (Wickham striae); radial capillaries  
*Psoriasis* | Multiple uniformly sized and distributed dotted vessels; central surface scale  
*Scabies* | “Triangle sign” (mite’s head); curved-white line(scale)  
*Lichen aureus* | Coppery-red background; round to oval red dots, globules, and patches; gray dots; partial network of interconnected pigmented lines  
*Disseminated superficial actinic porokeratosis* | Single or double “white track” structure  
*Supernumerary nipple* | Central white scar-like area; cleft-like appearance in the central region; fine pigment network in the periphery  
**Alopecias** |  
*Alopecia areata* | Numerous yellow dots, black dots; broken hairs, and clustered short vellus hairs; exclamation mark hairs (indicate disease activity)  
*Androgenetic alopecia* | Variability in hair shaft diameter >20%; early: peripilar brown depressions, advanced: yellow dots
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### References