



Spitz Nevus

A Spitz nevus (mole) is usually a single red, reddish brown smooth bump usually found on the arms, legs or face. Most of the lesions develop between the ages of 3 and 13 years of age. They grow more rapidly than other types of moles, but are rarely more than 1 cm in size. They are benign (not cancerous), but under a microscope can look very similar to melanoma (a type of skin cancer). For this reason, if the lesion is ever removed, it is very important that it be examined by a dermatopathologist (a pathologist with special training in reading biopsies of the skin). Since they are not cancerous lesions, no treatment is needed. If removal is desired, you should consult a dermatologic, plastic or general surgeon.