

Assessing naevi in children using a useful dermoscopic classification

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Dermoscopy has clear and unarguable relevance in the diagnosis of malignant melanoma in adult patients. However, in the UK there is increasing anxiety among parents for even young children to be assessed to rule out the possibility of malignant melanoma. In caucasian groups children often present with multiple congenital naevi which can be a cause of significant concern among anxious parents. Dermoscopy offers a unique opportunity to classify these lesions enhancing diagnostic certainty without resorting to excision biopsies. This discussion provides an overview of a useful dermoscopic classification of naevi with an emphasis on those commonly seen in children.