Congenital Melanocytic Nevi: a Challenging Problem

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Congenital Melanocytic nevi (CMN) are defined as benign melanocytic proliferations present at birth. The term has been also applied to lesions displaying clinical and histopathological features of CMN which may not be apparent at birth. CMN carry a risk for transformation into malignant melanoma. Substantial progress in understanding the variable morphological features and genetic mechanisms of these nevi has occurred in the past years. This information is also relevant to prognosis and management.