

Dysplastic Nevus = Atypical Mole

Dysplastic nevus is a mole whose appearance and behavior is different from that of common moles. People with multiple dysplastic nevi are at much higher risk for developing melanomas. To understand what dysplastic nevus is, imagine a white to black color progression (kind of like a white to black rainbow). Normal, healthy mole is represented by the white color and Melanoma by the black color. In between the normal mole and melanoma are the dysplastic nevi much like in between white and black are the shades of grey. The above explanation is greatly oversimplified but the principles are correct.

