



I just found this and I am really scared if this is skin cancer. Is this a skin cancer spot?

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I can't diagnose skin cancer from a photo, but I can help you assess what I'm seeing. In the image, there appears to be:

- A small dark brown spot (the one that is likely concerning you).
- A separate small pink bump nearby.

The dark spot looks:

- Fairly small.
- Relatively symmetric.
- Mostly one color.
- With reasonably defined borders, though the image isn't detailed enough to assess it confidently.

Those features are generally less concerning than the classic warning signs of melanoma, but a photo alone is not enough to determine whether a spot is benign or cancerous.

A useful screening guide is the ABCDE rule:

- **Asymmetry:** one half doesn't match the other.

- **Border:** irregular, ragged, or blurry edges.
- **Color:** multiple colors (black, brown, red, white, blue).
- **Diameter:** larger than about 6 mm (pencil eraser size), though melanomas can be smaller.
- **Evolving:** changing in size, shape, color, or symptoms.

A few questions that would help:

- How big is the dark spot (roughly in millimeters)?
- Is it new, or have you had it for years?
- Has it changed recently?
- Does it itch, bleed, crust, or hurt?
- How old are you, and do you have a personal or family history of skin cancer?

If this spot is new, changing, bleeding, or looks noticeably different from your other moles ("ugly duckling" sign), it would be a good idea to have it examined by a dermatologist.

If you'd like, you can also upload:

- A sharper close-up with good lighting.
- A photo from slightly farther away showing the surrounding skin.
- A ruler or coin next to the spot for scale.

That would allow me to give a more detailed assessment of the visible features, though it still wouldn't replace an in-person examination.

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Ok here is a close up of the spot and a pen for scale. Can you tell now?

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The additional photos are helpful, but I still can't determine with certainty whether it's skin cancer from an image alone.

What I can say is that the spot appears quite small (likely a few millimeters or less), round-to-oval, fairly symmetric, and mostly a single shade of brown. Those are features that are often seen in benign moles. I do not see an obvious classic melanoma pattern such as marked asymmetry, multiple colors, or a highly irregular border.

A few caveats:

- Some skin cancers can be small and subtle.
- Image quality, lighting, and focus limit what can be assessed.
- The most important factor is often whether the spot is changing over time.

Based on these photos alone, I would put it in the category of **"doesn't look obviously concerning"** rather than "this definitely looks like skin cancer."

However, that's not the same as ruling cancer out.

I'd recommend:

- Measure it (or keep these photos) and compare again in 1–3 months.

- See a dermatologist sooner if:
 - It's new and appeared recently as a dark mole.
 - It's growing or changing.
 - It bleeds, crusts, or won't heal.
 - It itches persistently.
 - It looks noticeably different from your other moles.

A couple of questions:

- Approximately how old are you?
- Have you had this spot for years, or did you just notice it for the first time?
- Do you know whether it has changed in size, shape, or color?

Those details would help me estimate how reassuring or concerning this is.

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I am 17 years old and I just noticed the spot. My dad had skin cancer so I'm worried I have it too. I don't know if it changed I just want to know if it's cancerous.

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I understand why you're worried, especially with a family history of skin cancer. But based on these photos, I cannot tell you that this is cancer, and I also cannot completely rule it out.

What I can tell you is:

- At age 17, melanoma and other skin cancers are uncommon, though not impossible.
- The spot in your photos looks very small, fairly round, and fairly uniform in color.
- I do not see obvious visual features that would make me think "this is definitely melanoma."

Those are reassuring observations, but they are not a diagnosis.

One important point: "I just noticed it" is different from "it just appeared." Many people discover small moles that have actually been there for years.

Since your dad had skin cancer, a few questions matter:

- Do you know what type of skin cancer he had (melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, or something else)?
- Have your parents ever noticed this mole before?
- Do you have many other moles, or is this one unusual compared with the rest?

For now, I'd suggest:

- Take a clear photo with a ruler next to it.
- Save today's date.
- Check it again in about a month.
- If it grows, changes color, develops an irregular border, starts bleeding, or becomes persistently itchy, arrange a dermatology appointment.

If your anxiety is high because of your family history, it's completely reasonable to have a dermatologist examine it even if it turns out to be a normal mole.

Dermatologists can often assess a spot much more accurately with a dermatoscope than anyone can from a smartphone photo.

From the images you've shown, I would describe the spot as not obviously cancerous-looking, but a photo is not sufficient to determine whether it is cancerous or benign with certainty.

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AI responses may contain mistakes. This conversation is not a medical diagnosis.